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India Will Be Firm Towards Pakistan

NEHRU ON NATION'S ATTITUDE

'No-War' Proposal Is A Gesture And Not Our Weakness, He Declares

DETERMINATION TO ACHIEVE FOOD SELF-SUFFICIENCY REITERATED

NEW DELHI, February 3.

IN a speech frequently interrupted by critics and even more frequently cheered by supporters, Prime Minister Pandit Nehru said in Parliament today that India's policy towards Pakistan was firmness combined with moderation and a spirit of conciliation.

WHATEVER HAPPPENED TO BE PAKISTAN'S POLICY HE DECLARED, INDIA WOULD NOT FOLLOW A CROOKED POLICY. THE THINGS SAID ABOUT PAKISTAN BY COMMUNAL BODIES LIKE THE MAHASABHA WERE "THE STUPIDEST" AND AROSE OUT OF A CROOKED MIND PANDIT NEHRU DECLARED.

India's link with the Commonwealth involved no limiting factor in joining international organisations like the U.N. or the International Monetary Fund, he said. He repudiated the theory that the Commonwealth is influencing India's policies.

On the Capital Labour controversy, Pandit Nehru said that many of the Indian capitalists were no doubt very patriotic, but they lacked a social outlook.

The Prime Minister in a one-hour reply to the two-day debate announced amidst cheers that Government were confident of making India self-sufficient in food by the target date of the end of 1951. Food imports this year would be considerably less than half of last year's

He also announced that the Tariff Board's report on sugar had been received by the Government.

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Pandit Nehru condemned the "obscurantism" typified by the description of the Presidential procession by one of the members as "un-Indian".

A MISTAKE

Pandit Nehru frankly acknowledged that the decontrol policy followed two years ago was a "mistake" and said that if the controls had been kept on, "we would have been much better off" today. Of course some controls might be removed but it was most dangerous for Government to play with the prices of food and other basic necessitis. He expressed the conviction that the Commonwealth connection was to India's advantage and reiterated India's foreign policy of non-alignment with any Power bloc. All amendments were either withdrawn or rejected.

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U. N. Kashmir Debate

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 3 (P.T.I.-Reuter): The United Nations Security Council will resume its debate on Kashmir next Tuesday. It was announced here today. The meeting will be the second held since the Soviet delegate, Mr. Jacob Malik, walked out in protest against the continued Chinese Nationalist representation on the Council.

Rs. 7 Crores Mis-spent

SHOLAPUR MILLS AFFAIR

Police To Hold Enquiry

BOMBAY, Friday.

IT was reliably learnt today that the Government of Bombay has sent the report, submitted by the Inspectors appointed by Government for investigating the affairs of the Sholapur Mills, to the Bombay Police for necessary investigation and action.

It may be recalled that the report submitted by the Inspectors, disclosed that under the now defunct Managing Agency, seven crores of rupees belonging to the Mills, had been mis-spent.

TRAGIC INCIDENTS IN EAST BENGAL

India's Strong Protest To Pakistan

NEW DELHI, Feb. 3, (PTI).

THE Government of India have lodged "a strong protest" with the Pakistan Government concerning "the tragic happenings in Bagerhat Sub-Division of the Khulna District of East Bengal, involving incidents of loss of life rape, looting of property of the minority community and forcible conversions", it was authoritatively learnt here today.

The West Bengal Government was also stated to have addressed the East Bengal Government suggesting a joint enquiry into the incident and requesting that immediate steps be taken to allay panic among the minorities in the disturbed areas.

No reply has yet been received, it was added. It was stated that over 10,000 Hindus have already migrated from East Bengal into West Bengal and a regular stream of refugees was said to be flowing at the rate of 500 per day.

In their note, the Government of India were understood to have impressed on the Pakistan Government the desirability of taking immediate steps to bring the situation under control.

PAKISTAN RAIDS

Meanwhile, the United Press of India reports from Agartala that Kamalpur, in Tripura State, about ten or

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RE-ELECTED: Mr. J. G. Kennedy has been re-elected Vice-President of the Indian Central Jute Committee for the year 1950-51 at the annual general meeting of the Committee held at Calcutta on Friday.

Sholapur Mills Board Acts As Trustees

MR. NANDA'S DEFINITION

BOMBAY, Friday.

DEFINING the powers of the newly constituted Board of the Sholapur Spinning and Weaving Mills, at a press confegence at Secretariat today, Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda, Minister for Labour, stated that according to the Government of India's Ordinance, the Board stood in the place of trustees of the Mills.

As such the Board was empowered to institute both civil and criminal proceedings, in respect of any irregular acts in connection with the running of the Mills in the past by the now defunct Managing Agency.

Q: In your present position with regard to the Mills what do you propose to do in respect of the large amounts alleged to have been misspent, according to the report of the Inspectors appointed by the Government of Bombay to inquire into the affairs of the Mills?

Mr. Nanda: The Board as constituted has powers under the Ordinance to recover dues. It can also ask for criminal prosecutions where and when necessary.

The Minister mentioned that while the Board had not specified any date for restarting the Mills, preliminary work of cleaning the machinery, etc., had already begun. When the Mills go into action, 5,000 workers will be re-employed immediately. A sum of Rs. 50 lakhs, borrowed from banks at a reasonable rate of interest will form the nucleus of the finances required for restarting the Mills.

HEALTHY EFFECT

He also disclosed that the taking over of the Sholapur Mills had a healthy effect on other mills, some of which had threatened to close down. He said that at present the roll of textile un-

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POLICE FIRE ON AFRICANS

1 Killed, 7 Wounded

DAR-ES-SALEM, Feb. 3.

ONE African was killed and seven wounded when police opened fire as several hundred rioters attacked a police truck today in Dar-es-Salaam where dockers had been on strike since Wednesday. One European police man was seriously injured and another slightly injured.

Eighty-six rioters, including some of the leaders have been arrested.

Rioting broke out in part of the African quarter. An Indian police officer, named Bannerjee, and 19 Tanganyika police constables were injured

The dock area this morning was quiet but little work was going on in the port where five ocean-going ships and several coasters were tied by the strike.

COLD WAVE IN TURKEY

Many Frozen To Death

ISTANBUL, Feb. 3.

SCORES of people were today reported frozen to death in the worst recorded cold spell in Turkish history. Hungry wolves were scouring the country and attacking villages.

In some districts snow drifts completely buried the telegraph poles. Temperatures in the Istanbul and Ankara areas fell today to twenty-five below zero centigrade (forty-five degrees of frost Fahrenheit).

Country schools were closed, and traffic throughout the country was dislocated. Blizzards were still sweeping Anatolia.—P.T.I.-Reuter.

British Tea Delegation To Delhi

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Feb. 3.

A British tea delegation is coming here on February 18 to discuss the price and equality of tea to be exported in block to Britain in 1950.

India has been exporting 300 million pounds of tea for the last two years. India has also renewed the International Tea Agreement for a further period of five years. The necessary legislation is being brought before Parliament to implement this agreement.

Government have also received the interim report of the committee recently appointed to recommend proposals for making Calcutta the tea centre for the East. The report is now under examination.

Burma Premier

MADRAS, Feb. 3 (P.T.I.): The Prime Minister of Burma, Thakin Nu, accompanied by his wife and party, arrived in Madras this afternoon by a special plane from Colombo where he had gone on a pilgrimage to pay homage to the sacred relics of Lord Buddha.

Air India Sets World Record

BOMBAY, Friday.

AIR INDIA INTERNATIONAL claims to have set up a world record of 17 hours and 55 minutes for a scheduled service flight between London and Bombay. This included a halt of one hour twenty-five minutes at Cairo airport.

The Bombay-bound Constellation which took off from London on Sunday, January 29, at 20 hours G.M.T. landed at the Santa Cruz airport at 13.55 hours G.M.T. on Monday, January 30.

The Constellation was piloted by Captain D. K. Jatar from London to Cairo, and by Captain R. Khan from Cairo to Bombay.

GENERAL LICENCES

Permission To Import Commodities

NEW DELHI, Feb. 4 (UPI).—In anticipation of its announcement regarding general licensing principles for January-June 1950, the Government of India has decided immediately to grant licences for the import of the following commodities:

Cashewnuts from Portuguese East Africa to actual users and established importers; Raw films from soft currency countries to established importers; trucks in C.K.D. (Completely Knocked Down) condition from dollar areas and soft currency areas and C.K.D. cars from soft currency areas to recognised assembly workshops; raw Manila hemp from dollar areas, to actual users, sisal fibre from soft currency areas to actual users, sago flour from soft currency areas to actual users, tobacco un-manufactured from dollar areas to tobacco manufacturers; sulphur from dollar areas to actual users; motor vehicle spare parts from dollar and soft currency countries to established workshops; lubricating oil from dollar and soft currency countries, to established importers; wool raw and tops from soft currency areas to actual users, asbestos raw from soft currency countries to actual users; staple fibre from soft currency areas on the recommendation of the Chief Inspector of explosives.

World Bank Mission

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Feb. 3.

An International Bank mission is expercted to arrive here next month, by the tenth. The mission will discuss among other things Government's porposals for a loan to finance their steel works and the hydroelectric plant at in the Damodar Valley.

French Socialists Quit

PARIS, Feb. 3 (P.I.I.-Reuter): The French Socialist Party today decided to withdraw its Ministers from the coalition Cabinet.

King George Dissolves British Parliament

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, February 3.

EIGHT British Ministers today gave the "kick-off" to the election campaign with speeches. The next few days will show if the old fire and fight have gone out of British politics. The sign for the official start of the campaign was given today when King George VI signed the Proclamation dissolving the Parliament.

This he did at his country residence at Sandringham in Norfolk. The Proclamation was posted at prominent places at the Royal Exchange. The Commons Crier, in wig, gown and white gloves read the Proclamation attended by beadles in cocked hats and cloaks and carrying staves.

FULL EMPLOYMENT

Mr. Clement Attlee, the Labour Prime Minister of Britain, today expressed the belief that his party would be returned to power at the general elections this month (adds PTI-Reuter).

In an interview with the Labour Daily Herald's Editor Percy Cudlipp today, Mr. Attlee gave the following occasions as those which he had found particularly inspiring and satisfying during Labour rule from 1945 to 1950

(1): The settlement for the handing over of India and Pakistan to their own people.

(2) The Harvard speech by General Marshall outlining proposals which developed into Marshall Aid.

Mr. Attlee was also quoted as saying that Communism was not an "adult philosophy." Asked what he believed was the foremost issue in the general election, Mr. Attlee said, "Full employment."

Clement Attlee

"The people will compare life in the past four and a half years with life before the war", Mr. Attlee continued. "They will compare the records of the two major parties in maintaining employment and their policies for maintaining it in future. Labour wins hands down both on its record and its future policy. Therefore, Labour will win the election."

Newsprint Re-Control Unlikely

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Feb. 3.

A meeting of the Newsprint Advisory Committee is being held tomorrow to discuss a proposal to the price-page control. Government, I learn, have an open mind on this. They are not inclined to reimpose the control. On the contrary, their policy has been to relax or remove it.

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NOTICE

TENDERS are invited for the purchase of Waste (Hard) from The India United Mills Ltd. No. 4 Mill and will be accepted upto 4 P.M. (S.T.) on Wednesday the 8th February, 1950, in their Registered Office. Tender copies can be obtained from Cotton Department, Indu House, Dougall Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay. 7037

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PADAMSEY DAMODER GOVINDJEE
Secretary.

Bombay, 2nd February, 1950.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

No. 113. SECRETARY, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, WEST BENGAL

INVITES APPLICATIONS on the prescribed form from women candidates with a treasury chalan for Rs. 5/- under the head "XXXVI—Misc— Receipts of the Public Service Commission, West Bengal" not later than February 20, 1950 to fill a temporary post of Tutor Dietitian at the All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health, Calcutta. Pay Rs. 375-800 per month plus ad interim increase of pay (Rs. 30/-) and dearness and house rent allowances. Qualifications: Candidates must be graduates with Chemistry or Physiology as main subject and possess a degree or diploma in Domestic Science or Dietetics with Post-graduate Training in Dietetics in a recognised institution. Holders of the Diploma in Home Science granted by Lady Irwin College, New Delhi will also be considered provided they possess the qualification mentioned above. Knowledge of Bengali language and Bengali food habits is necessary. Preference will be given to one with administrative ability and teaching experience: Age not more than 35 years on February 1, 1950, relaxable in exceptional cases.

Particulars obtainable from the Office of the Commission, Anderson House, Alipore, Calcutta, personally or on sending a self-addressed stamped envelope. The prescribed form priced at annas two available from all District Treasuries and Sub-Treasuries in West Bengal, and the Secretariat Book Depot. Writers' Buildings, Calcutta. Persons residing outside West Bengal may obtain the form from the office of the Commission on sending the price in postage stamps.

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NOTICE

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GRADE: Rs. 70-5-120-8-200 plus usual D.A.

The selected candidates will be on probation for one year. He shall be amenable to Municipal Service Regulations and Provident Fund benefits.

Candidates are required to appear for interview at their cost.

Applications should reach on or before 20-2-1950.

By order of the
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
Summary Suit No. 1573 of 1948

THE ASSOCIATED BANKING CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED (In Liquidation) .... Plaintiffs.

versus

1. Messrs. INDIA FILM CIRCUIT, 2. AZIZ GAFOOR KAZI, 3. ABDULLA AZIZ KAZI, and 4. EDRIS HUSSEIN SHAIKH .... Defendants

To

AZIZ GAFOOR KAZI, Esq.,
The 2nd Defendant abovenamed.

WHEREAS the Plaintiffs have instituted a suit against you under Order XXXVII of the Civil Procedure Code for Rs. 1,38,750-1-0 due at the foot of the overdraft account of the Defendants 1, 2 and 3 with the Plaintiffs at their Sandhurst Road Branch office and further interest and for costs, you are summoned to cause an Appearance to be entered within 10 days, from the date of publication hereof; in default the Plaintiffs will be entitled to obtain a decree for the said sum of Rs. 1,38,750-1-0 interest and costs and interest on judgment.

If you cause an Appearance to be entered for you, the Plaintiffs will serve upon you a Summons for Judgment and at its hearing you will be entitled to ask the Court for leave to defend the suit.

Dated this 5th day of July, 1948.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay.

A. R. NARAYEN AYER.
For Prothonotary & Senior Master.

Messrs. PEREIRA FAZALBHOY & CO.,
Plaintiffs' Attorneys.
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UNION PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.
Advertisement No. 5.

APPLICATIONS accompanied by a Treasury Receipt or a Crossed Indian Postal Order for Rs. 7/8/- (Rs. 1/14/- for Scheduled Castes, tribal and aboriginal communities candidates), invited for the undermentioned posts from nationals of Indian Union by birth or by domicile. Persons of Indian descent or citizens of the Indian States which have not acceded to the Indian Union or of the Pakistan Dominion or of any other territory adjacent to India are also eligible but a declaration of eligibility issued by the Government of India will be necessary in their case before appointment. SEPARATE APPLICATION WITH SEPARATE FEE REQUIRED FOR EACH POST. The Crossed Postal Order should be marked payable to Secretary, Union Public Service Commission, at New Delhi Post Office. Cheques or Money Orders not accepted. Candidates applying from outside India should deposit their fees with the High Commissioner for India or the Indian Ambassador or the Government of India's Agent as the case may be and attach the receipts to their applications. The Commission may at their discretion remit the application fee where they are satisfied that the applicant is a BONA FIDE displaced person and is not in a position to pay the prescribed fee. No candidate will be considered for appointment unless he appears for a personal interview if called upon to do so. Upper age limit relaxable by three years for Scheduled Castes, tribal and aboriginal communities candidates and displaced persons. For others age limits will be strictly adhered to save in exceptional circumstances and in no case beyond a limit of three years. Two weeks' extension allowed to candidates residing abroad.

"A".

Closing date for receipt of applications for following post is 18TH FEBRUARY, 1950. Applications may be submitted on plain paper giving the undermentioned particulars. 1. Name of the post for which applying. 2. Name and address. 3. Father's name. 4. Date and place of birth. 5. Domicile. 6. Qualifications. 7. Previous experience. 8. Full details (with dates and salary drawn) of previous employment if any. 9. Minimum initial salary acceptable. 10. Names with addresses of three persons as references. They should be holders of responsible positions but must not be relations.

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Closing date for receipt of applications for following items is 4TH MARCH, 1950. Particulars and application forms from Secretary, Union Public Service Commission, Parliament House, Post Box No. 186, New Delhi. Candidates should specify name of post while applying for forms. Candidates from outside India may apply on plain paper if prescribed application forms are not available.

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Dated this 1st day of February 1950.

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OFFERS are invited by the Trustees of the Bombay Panjrapole Institution for a lease for 99 years of three Plots of land, admeasuring 1720, 1152 and 1152 square yards respectively on the Bhuleshwar Road Estate of the Panjrapole.

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Offers for each plot separately should be sent in a sealed cover marked "Lease of Bhuleshwar Estate Plots" addressed to The Chairman, Board of Trustees, Bombay Panjrapole, Bhuleshwar Road, Bombay not later than one month from the date hereof.

Dated this 1st day of February, 1950.

JAMSEDJI RUSTOMJI AND DEVIDAS
Attorneys
for the Trustees of
The Bombay Panjrapole.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

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THE SALE OF PROPERTY at Versova Road, Andheri, that was advertised to take place on account and at the risk of Bai Vimlabai, the wife of Tukaram Vithal Desurkar on Sunday, the 5th February 1950 is POSTPONED.

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AUCTION SALE TOMORROW (SUNDAY) at 10-30 A.M. Property of M. Gordon Esqr., and others at Babulal Mansion Chowpatty Seaface of complete household and office furniture, Eng. Phillips and other safe, steel almirah, type writer, sewing machine, Elec. fan, wall clock, Eng. large ice box, radio vono bed, dining writing and dressing table, chairs, side board, show case, chesterfield almirah, bed partition, gramophone, hall carpet, etc. (S. Tax) T. 40213.

7039 EASTERN AUCTION CO.

MILLOWNERS' PROTEST TO CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

Revision Of Cloth And Yarn Prices Urged

NAGPUR, Feb. 3. (PTI).

The Madhya Pradesh Millowners' Association has sent a telegram to the Ministry of Industry and Supply, Government of India today, emphatically protesting against the Government of India's decisions regarding cloth and yarn prices completely ignoring textile advisory committee's advice.

The Association pressed the Government for immediate revision of cloth prices based on actual cotton prices, immediate restoration of four per cent reduction in ex-mill prices, complete removal of all price controls on exports and complete removal of excise duties to lessen effect of higher prices to the consumer.

The Millowners' Association in the telegram says, "Government have blindly refused to recognise actual prices legitimately paid by mills for kapas at provincial Government's insistence, although such prices are solely due to Government's failure to control kapas prices. To base cloth and yarn prices a artificial Government ceilings is doing grave injustice to the industry. On the contrary, to insist upon decrease in prices even under these circumstances merely because no Pakistan cotton is now available ignores the fact that in price formula some other Indian cotton of equal staple at high prices has to be substituted. To treat the industry in the manner after co-operation shown at the October meeting, when it acceded to Governments' request for four per cent voluntary cut in prices against definite assurances which have not yet been implemented, is indefensible.

"The Association fails to understand why the Government have decided not to remove export price control inspite of the Advisory Committee's unanimous recommendations. Retention of eight per cent margin for cloths sold to exporters is likely to have reverse effect to that desired by Government namely maintenance of export merchants' interests.

"The Association must draw Government's attention to disastrous effects of the whole announcement and strongly urges recommendation on the following lines: firstly, immediate revision of cloth prices based on actual cotton prices; secondly, immediate restoration of four per cent reduction in ex-mill prices as conditions precedent have not been fulfilled; thirdly, complete removal of all price controls on exports and fourthly, complete removal of excise duties to lessen the effect of higher prices to the consumer"

Socio-Economic Survey Of Ahmedabad

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 2 (PTI): The Ahmedabad Municipality has decided to hold a town planning exhibition by the end of this month and conduct aerial survey of the city and the surrounding area followed by socio-economic survey

Mr. Chinubhai Chimanlal Seth, President of the Municipality told pressmen today "We want to co-relate our town planning schemes with the actual conditions of the people, visualising the development of the city into Greater Ahmedabad in the next 30 years. Our town planning schemes did not succeed in the past as expected. Now we want to conduct a socio-economic survey of the city with the help of students and other organisations and revive our schemes in the light of the date collected.

Acharya Narendra Deo

LUCKNOW, Feb. 2 (PTI): Acharya Narendra Deo, Vice-Chancellor of Lucknow University, who is a delegate to the regional conference for countries of South-East Asia beginning at Bangkok on February 6, said in an interview that the conference, amongst other matters would take steps to establish branches of United Nations Association in Burma and such other countries of South-East Asia where they did not exist. The conference would also endeavour to extend the work of the existing associations.

Acharya Narendra Deo, who has been appointed one of the delegates by the World Federation of the United Nations Association is leaving Lucknow tomorrow for Calcutta enroute to Bangkok.

AGA KHAN AGAINST ISLAMISTAN

KARACHI, Feb. 2 (PTI-Reuter): The Aga Khan, spiritual leader of Ismaili Muslims, said here tonight the word "Islamistan" (scheme for political grouping of Muslim states) had "frigntened" several Muslim countries, notably Egypt.

He told pressmen he had always been an advocate of pan Islamism and hoped Muslim states would eventually unit by cultural, intellectual and religious contacts.

But the Muslim middle east should develop like the British Commonwealth without bonds, he said.

"If we try to make political ties we shall completely break it up", he continued.

The hidebound constitution of the United Nations has ruined its possibilities"

Muslim States should remain neutral in an east-west conflict, though they should prepare to defend themselves against all attackers, he concluded.

Discipline In The Armed Forces

ELMHIRST'S CALL TO I. A. F. MEN

NEW DELHI, February 3 (PTI): Air Marshal Sir Thomas Elmhirst, C-in-C., IAF, today called upon the men of the air force to maintain themselves as a highly disciplined body in the armed forces of India in order to be of great service to the country. He said he was satisfied with the strides made by IAF during the past two years and exhorted the men to be efficient in their work.

Air Marshal Elmhirst was addressing a parade of IAF station, New Delhi, on his annual inspection of the station. This was Air Marshal's last inspection of the unit before he relinquishes his office towards the end of this month.

Arriving on the green lawns of the Elmhirst pavillion, Air Marshal took the general salute and later inspected the parade formed in five squadrons comprising different IAF formations in Delhi.

The parade then marched past him by flights and re-assembled in review order to listen to his address. He congratulated them for their smart turn-out and said this was the "best organised and carried out" parade he had seen during his service as Chief of the air force.

Led by Group Captain K. L. Sobdhi, Officer Commanding IAF station, New Delhi, the parade marched past in route column to the accompaniment of I.A.F band.

After the parade Air Marshal visited the different establishments of the IAF Station.

Those who attended the parade included Lady Elmhirst Air Vice-Marshal S Mukherjee, Air Commodore Narendra and other officers of the IAF

R.S.S. NOT FIGHTING ELECTIONS

HYDERABAD (Deccan) Feb 3 (PTI) The Rashtriya Swayam Sewak Sangh was a cultural organisation and as such the question of fighting the coming general election on the R S S ticket did not arise, said Mr. M S Golwalkar, R S S Chief speaking to persamen here this morning.

Mr Golwalkar, who arrived in Hyderabad this morning from Nagpur added that the members of the sangh were free to vote and express their opinion.

KARNATAK MEDICAL COLLEGE

50,000 Donated By Hubli Municipality

HUBLI, Feb. 2 (PTI): The Hubli Municipality will donate Rs. 50,000 to the Karnataka Medical College. This was disclosed by Mr. Goodwala, President of the Municipal Borough and M.L.A. (Bombay) at a reception arranged in honour of members of the Karnataka University Senate from Hubli. Mr Goodwala presided over the function.

Mr. V. S. Naik a newly elected member of the Senate said at a function that the Karnataka University was the first university to come into existence after the attainment of complete independence by India. Unlike the other universities it had to adjust itself to the new situation of "momentous consequence" and functioned on altogether different lines from the older universities.

DONATION TO NAVIN MARATHI SHALA

(From Our Correspondent)
POONA, (By mail).

A donation of Rs. one lakh has been given by Doctor N M. Ranade to the Nursery Section of the D. E. Society's Navin Marathi Shala. Doctor Ranade has donated the amount in memory of his illustrious father, Late Justice Mahadeo Govind Ranade, and nursery section will now be named after Justice Ranade.

They Prefer Marriage

Airline hostesses are still among the most marriageable women in the world—despite efforts by the Airlines to select career-minded girls.

Trans World Airline, which currently employs 600 hostesses in addition to nationals for flight in Europe, North Africa and India, reports that 75 per cent of all hostess resignations are for marriage.—T W A.

BENARAS, Feb. 2, (PTI): More than 2,000 persons who have migrated to India from Pakistan on permits, have applied to the city magistrate for registration and Indian citizenship rights. The applications and the documentary evidence produced by the applicants are now being scrutinised.

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THUNDERSHOWERS IN W. BENGAL

All-India Weather

POONA, Feb. 3, (P. T. I.): The following is the daily weather summary for Friday:—

Fairly widespread thundershowers have occurred in Chota Nagpur and Gangetic West Bengal and a few thundershowers in Assam and the hills of the West United Provinces.

Night temperatures have fallen appreciably in the United Provinces, East Rajasthan, Gujarat, the central parts of the country and the Deccan.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL SATURDAY EVENING: Thundershowers will occur locally in Assam and sub-Himalayan, West Bengal. Dry weather will prevail elsewhere over the country.

Night temperatures will fall appreciably in north-west India, the east Central Provinces, the Deccan and the north Madras coast.

The following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours, with total rain fall from December 1, 1949 and departure from normal recorded at 3 a.m. on Friday:—

Ahmedabad 78 54 0 0 minus 0.1, Ahmednagar 91 51 0 0 minus 0.5, Ambala 64 46 0 3.3 plus 1.1, Bangalore 84 60 0 0 minus 0.7, Baroda 79 48 0 0 minus 0.1, Belgaum 88 56 0 0 minus 0.5, Bhuj 70 45 0 0 minus 1.2, BOMBAY 81 64 0 0 minus 0.2, Calcutta 80 63 0 0 minus 0.6, Darjeeling 52 37 0 0.5 minus 0.4, Delhi 65 45 0 0.5 minus 1.0, Hyderabad (Dn.) 91 55 0 0 minus 0.6, Jubbulpore 83 49 0 0 minus 1.3, Kolhapur 92 59 0 0 —, Lucknow 76 50 0 2.1 plus 0.9, Madras 85 67 0 0.5 minus 6.4, Mahabaleshwar 81 57 0 0 minus 0.4, Mussoorie 38 32 0 3.9 minus 0.9, Negapatam 82 75 0 2.2 minus 11.6, Nagpur 91 58 0 0 minus 0.4, Ootacamund 68 EI P P minus 3.0, Paona 83 59 0 0.3 minus 0.6, Patiala 64 57 0 2.6 —, Poona 93 54 0 0 minus 0.2, Sholapur 92 60 0 0 minus 0.6, Simla 38 30 0 6.2 plus 2.1, Srinagar Nil, Surat 84 54 0 0 minus 0.2, Vizagapatam 88 69 0 0.1 minus 1.0.

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Hightide: 01-06, 12-58. Lowtide: 07-17, 19-00.

Today's Engagements

BOMBAY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND SOCIOLOGY: Annual social gathering at Convocation Hall, 5 p.m. Mr. Justice N. H. Bhagwati, presiding.

VANITA VISHRAM: Silver Jubilee of the Vanita Vishram English School at the Vanita Vishram Garden, Sandhurst Road, Raja Maharaj Singh, Governor of Bombay, presiding.

KETKAR'S ART INSTITUTE: 35th annual social gathering at Wagle Hall, Girgaum, 4-45 p.m.

R. L. TRUST RESEARCH INSTITUTE: Prof. G. C. Survey to speak on "Aftermath of Devaluation" at Arya Bhuvan, Sandhurst Road, 6 p.m.

THE BOMBAY KANNADA SANGHA: Harikatha by Sri Hande Vedavyasacharya at Ruia College, 6 p.m.

EDUCATIONAL FILMS OF INDIA: Free demonstration of educational films on "Modern Art", at 91 Walkeshwar Road, 7 p.m.

BOMBAY Y.M.C.A.: "The Music of Britain" at 12 Wodehouse Road, on Sunday, 11-30 a.m.

THE UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Public lecture on "Have We Lived Before?" at Jehangir Wadia Building, Flora Fountain, 6-15 p.m.

RAMKRISHNA MISSION: Lecture on Vedanta Philosophy at Botliboi's Accountancy Institute 2-15 p.m.

City Dog Show On February 5

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Bombay Presidency Kennel Club's dog show will be held at St. Xavier High School grounds, opposite Liberty Cinema, Bombay, on February 5 and 6.

The prize distribution will take place on the second day of the show at 5-30 p.m. the Governor of Bombay and Rani Maharaj Singh attending.

The show will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on both days.

MERCHANTS' CHAMBER CHIEF FELICITATED

We Should Undertake Research, Says He

BOMBAY, Friday.

Speaking at a reception arranged by the Democratic Group of the Indian Merchants' Chamber, Mr. R. G. Saraiya, President of the Chamber stressed the need for expanding the various activities of the Chamber.

Mr. Morarji Vaidya, leader of the Group presided.

The reception was held at the "Taj" this evening to felicitate Mr. Saraiya, new President, Mr. B. A. Khimji, the outgoing President and Mr. M. R. Ruia, Vice-President.

Mr. Saraiya emphasised that the Chamber should undertake more research and render day-to-day legal advice to the mercantile community on various legislations affecting them.

He also emphasised the need for organising propaganda to stress the point of view of the business community on various problems confronting them.

Mr. Khimji, replying, appealed to merchants to take more interest in the affairs of the Chamber. He revealed that the Chamber would shortly increase the membership fee to finance the new activities of the Chamber.

MR. GULZARILAL NANDA

Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda, Minister for Labour and Housing, will leave Bombay for Ahmedabad, on Saturday night and return on February 6.

Lord Justice Bagge, Chairman of the Indo-Pakistan Boundary Disputes Tribunal photographed before his departure for Egypt on Friday from Bombay.

Resentment Leads To Strike

B. E. S. T. UNION EXPLAINS

BOMBAY, Friday

The General Secretary of the BEST Union writes:

The accumulated feeling of desperation to which the BEST Workers have been driven by the continuous disregard by the management of workers' grievances gave itself vent today in a spontaneous stoppage by the men at Colaba Depot.

The total absence of any avenue for the workers to get redressal from the management against the wrongs inflicted on them by corrupt officials has resulted in sullenness and deep resentment among the workers. The management invariably shields the official even where the latter is guilty of flagrant harassment of the men and consistently refuse to institute any proceedings against supervisory staff who abuse their position to settle their private scores on the workers.

The last straw which precipitated a spontaneous stoppage by the workers at Colaba Depot today was the autocratic suspension of some workers by the General Manager without following the established procedure. The Union officials who reached the spot on hearing of the stoppage tried to prevail upon the General Manager not to make a departure from the practice hitherto followed. But the General Manager was adamant and even threatened the Union representatives with arrest. However the Union officials persuaded the workers to go on duty by about 2 p.m.

While deeply regretting the inconvenience caused to the public by the temporary stoppage we wish to draw the attention of all concerned to the real cause of such incidents which is the studied indifference of the management to the grievances of the workers.

Vizag Workers Accept Terms

BOMBAY, Friday.

The three-month-old deadlock between Scindia authorities and the Company's labour employed at the shipyard at Vizagapatam arising out of a proposal for economy cut in Scindia's ship-building industry has ended on some mutual agreement.

The labour of the shipyard have agreed to a 33-1/3 per cent cut in their dearness allowances.

Destroyers Open To Public On Sunday

BOMBAY, Friday

I.N.S. Ranjit and Rana, lying at Naval Anchorage off the Gateway of India, will be open to visitors on Sunday, February 5, 1950 between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. No passes will be required during these hours to board the ships. It must however, be realized that only a limited number of people can board the ships at one time due to limitation of space, and traffic will therefore be controlled strictly, it is announced by the Naval authorities.

RECEPTION TO DR. PATTABHI

B. P. C. C. Programme

BOMBAY, Friday.

Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramaiyya, President of the Indian National Congress, who will be arriving in the City on Tuesday, Februarary 7, will be accorded a reception by the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee.

Dr. Pattabhi will address a press conference on Wednesday, February 8, at 10 a.m. at the Congress House and will address a public meeting at Nappoo Garden, Matunga at 8-30 p.m. the same day.

He will meet Congress workers at the Congress House on Thursday, February 9, at 8-30 a.m. and will speak at public meetings arranged by the B. P. C. C. at Jitekar Wadi, Girgaum and at Lohar Chawl at 6-30 p.m. and 9 p.m respectively the same evening.

The Rashtrapati is likely to address another public meeting to be arranged either at Worli or at Kamatipura on Friday, February 10. He will also have a meeting with the office-bearers of the B.P.C.C. and D.D.Cs. He will leave the City on Saturday, February 11.

TODAY'S RADIO

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Air News From Delhi

English 8 a.m. 1-30 p.m. 6, 9 Gujarati 8-45 a.m. 1 p.m. 7-15; Hindustani 8-15 a.m. 1-40 p.m. 6-10 9-15; Kannada 7-45 a.m. 7-45 p.m.; Malayalam 7-30 a.m. 7-30 p.m.; Marathi 8-30 a.m. 12-50 p.m. 8; Tamil 7-15 a.m. 2 p.m.; 7-15 Telugu 7 a.m. 1-50 p.m. 7.

BOMBAY

7-30 a.m. Bhor Bhaee, 7-35 Physical education. 7-40 Today's programme, 7-45 K Patanwala, bhajan, 8-15 Anjanibai Lolekar, lalit, 12-45 p.m. Tantrakari, 12-50 K Patanwala, bhajan, 1-10 New songs, 5-0 S Khan, khyal multani, 5-15 Master Ibrahim, clarionet., 5-30 For children, 6-10 Khyal Dhanashri, 6-20 D. Vi Kane, vocal, 6-30 Music theory and practice, 7-0 Day's topic, 7-10 Locals, 7-20 S Khan, puria, 7-45 For industrial workers, 9-15 Master Ibrahim, clarionet, 9-30 Film songs, 9-45 Rusi Dhondy, films review. 9-55 Anything goes.

VARIATIONS: 8-0 a.m. Master Ibrahim, clarionet, 8-45 Anu Inamdar, selections 1- p.m. D V Kane, M songs. 1-30 New songs, 1-50 Composite programme, M, 6-0 Kamla Padubidri K. songs. 6-20 For rural listeners, 7-30 Commercial news, 8-15 Anu Inamdar, compositions of Thokul and Gireesn, 8-30 Listeners' letters' replies, 8-40 Musical interlude, 8-45 Yogini Jogiekar, M roopak, 9-0 Folk songs, 10-0 Anjanibai Lolekar, miyan malhar.

BARODA

7-30 Vandana, 7-40 Physical education, 7-45 M A Pandharpurkar, bansari, 8-15 R V Desai, kh. vilambit, 8-30 p.m. As in Ahmedabad, 5-45 T R Hussain, geet, 6-10 M A Pandharpurkar, bansari, 6-20 V R Pimplaskar, geets, 6-30 For rural listeners. 7-0 As in Ahmedabad, 7-15 K L Jadhev, bhoopali, 7-30 V R Pimplaskar, kh. vilambit, 7-45 R V Desai, thumri, 8-0 geets, 8-10 Locals, 8-30 R V Desai, kh. vilambit, 9-30 P Munshi's play G.

AHMEDABAD

7-30 S Raval, bhajan, 7-40 Physical education, 7-45 As in Baroda, 8-15 As in Baroda, 5-30 p.m. M Puranik, vocal, 5-45 and 6-10 As in Baroda, 6-30 S. Raval, kh. s. vilambit, 6-45 M Puranik, vocal, 7-0 Film music, 7-15 Listeners' letters' replies, 7-30 For industrial workers, 8-0 As in Baroda, 8-10 Locals, 8-30 and 9-30 As in Baroda.

B. B. C.

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE:

6-45 a.m. The Debate Continues. 7 Take it from Here. 7-30 Export Jigsaw. 8 Music Magazine. 8-15 World Affairs. 8-45 Music for Dancing. 10 Reynolds Payne and His Orchestra. 10-30 Twenty Questions. 11 Sports Review. 11-15 Listeners' Choice. 12-45 p.m. Programme Parade including corrections to London Calling. 1 Listen to the Band. 1-30 British Concert Hall 2-30 Paul Temple and the Madison Mystery. 3 Ray's A Laugh. 3-30 British Empire Games. 4 Keyboard Music. 4-45 Accordeon Interlude. 5 Generally Speaking. 5-45 John Bull's Band. 6-45 BBC Opera Orchestra. 7-45 Light Music. 8-10 Wales v. Scotland. 9-45 Wales v. Scotland. 10 Meet the Commonwealth. 19-30 Eve Becke.

EASTERN SERVICE:

7-30 The Canterbury Tales. 8 Bachchon Ke Liye 8-30 Bichitra.

MORE ATTENTION TO RURAL AREAS

Minister's Assurance

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Government was doing its best in the matter of financial assistance to agriculturists and the provision of seed, water and manure and it was up to them to take full advantage of the concessions offered and make the Grow More Food campaign a success, said Mr. M. P Patil, Minister for Agriculture and Forests, inaugurating the Poona District Agricultural and Cattle Show at Jejuri last evening.

He stressed the importance of making the country self-sufficient in food and said that the Government was now paying more attention to rural areas than in the past. He pointed out that exhibitions of the type of the one he was opening were indicative of the Government's deep interest in village improvement.

Three hundred and fifty-six agriculturists participated in the competition of good yield, 81 competed in the cultivation of vegetables and 70 in that of fruits. Besides, there was a competition of cattle and poultry developments. The Minister went round the various stalls and inspected the exhibits. There were 46 stalls in all.

DIVISIONS REGROUPED

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Educational Divisions of the State of Bombay have been regrouped as under:

The Bombay Division, with head quarters at Bombay, comprises the districts of Bombay, Bombay Suburban, Kolaba and Ratnagiri.

The Poona Division, with headquarters at Poona, comprises the districts of Poona, Satara North, Sholapur, Satara South and Kolhapur.

The Nasik Division, with headquarters at Nasik, comprises the districts of Thana, Nasik, East Khandesh, West Khandesh and Ahmednagar.

Ahmedabad Division, with headquarters at Ahmedabad, comprises the districts of Banaskantha, Sabarkantha Mehsana, Ahmedanad, Kaira and Amreli.

The Baroda Division, with headquarters at Baroda, comprises the districts of Panchmahals, Baroda, Broach and Surat (inclusive of the Navsari district of the former Baroda State).

The Dharwar Division, with headquarters at Dharwar comprises the districts of Belgaum, Dharwar, Bijapur and Kanara.

BUILDINGS OWNED BY SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Rent As Admitted Expenditure

BOMBAY, Friday.

In April last, the Government of Bombay had directed that the rent charged for a building owned by a secondary school, for which a building grant was not paid and for which there is no loan repayment, should not be admitted for grant-in-aid. It has been represented to the Government that these orders discourage managements from investing their funds in buildings, as they would not get any return on their investments and will have, in addition, to bear expenditure on repairs, taxes, insurances etc., and that consequently schools will continue to be held in unsuitable rented buildings.

After re-examining the question, the Government, says a press note, has cancelled those orders and directed that where an institution is located in a building owned by the management and the building was built from donations, the school's own funds or from loans whether from the Government or others, and the Government has not made a grant towards the cost of construction, an amount, not exceeding 7 1/2 per cent, of the cost incurred as is certified by the Executive Engineer as reasonable rent shall be treated as admitted expenditure for the purpose of grant-in-aid.

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The Pulse Of The City

TRAGIC: Maudebai Naranjan, a 20-year-old resident of Municipal Chawls, Arthur Road, died, Thursday, of severe burns. Her sari caught fire while cooking her meals.

SUSPECT ARRESTED: Ganpat Ranghnath and Kanu Dagde were arrested in connection with the theft of ornaments and cash worth Rs. 3,000, from the complainant's room by breaking open the lock. They were granted bail.

ATTEMPT FOILED: Seven persons attempted to steal off a motor car parked near Band Stand, Colaba. Dinshaw D. Driver, it is alleged, opened the car with a key and was about to drive off along with others when a police constable on patrol duty halted them. Two have been arrested while five are still at large.

THEFT: Somnath Bhagaji and six others were arrested for theft of a gold bar from a shop situated in the Phalton Road area. Two of them engaged the proprietor in a conversation, two kept watch outside and two removed the gold bar lying on the ground. The proprietor couldn't get an inkling of what had happened. Gold bars weigh 15 tolas and are worth Rs. 1,500. The suspects have been released on bail.

BROKER CHARGED: Cotton broker Abdul Raoof Abdul Latif was arrested for cheating the complainant of Rs. 7,000 given to the accused for the purchase of cotton goods. He absconded with the money. Released on bail.

SMALL-POX: The seasonal outbreak of small-pox during winter showed sharp rise in January. 78 cases, 15 deaths. Twenty-two cases were imported.

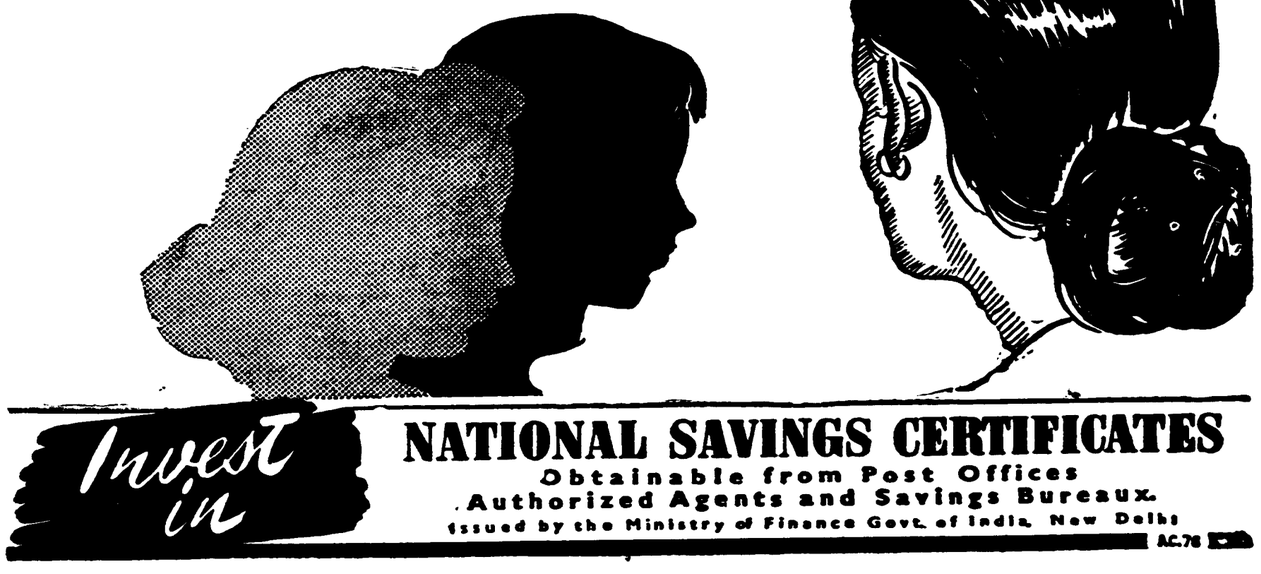
STILL RAIDED: Working still unearthed in the bushes near the Dharavi Creek by Preventive Police, Thursday. Four hundred and ten gallons of wash and two of liquor seized and one person alleged to be working at the still at the time of the raid also arrested.

WARMER WEEK: A warmer weekend for Bombay was forecast by the weather experts.

BIG CHEAT: On charges of criminal breach of trust in respect of Rs. 1,50,000, Badri Prasad Jaiswal was arrested by Santa Cruz police, Wednesday. The suspect was arrested while he was about to leave for Calcutta. Remanded into police custody for a fortnight.

GOODS RECOVERED: A godown at Mohammedali Road was reported to have been broken open and glass tubes and wire nettings valued at more than Rs. 2,400 were stolen, Tuesday morning. The Pydhonie Police carried on raids on numerous known hide-outs and recovered the whole property. Three persons arrested.

PROHIBITION CASES: The Prohibition Branch of the Greater Bombay Police picked up 296 cases, arrested 138 persons and seized 1,002 gallons of illicit liquor, 4,018 gallons of wash and very small quantities of spirit and foreign liquor, during the week ended January 26 last.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INVESTMENT MARKET: BLEAK OUTLOOK SEEN

Shareholders' Association Lists The Causes

BOMBAY, Friday.

THE Bombay Shareholders' Association has submitted a memorandum to the Fiscal Commission, dealing with certain points in the Commission's questionnaire.

Regarding the supply of indigenous capital for industrial expansion, the Association has observed that it will not be possible to have adequate supply of indigenous capital for any scheme of industrialisation until the causes that have led to the dismal outlook in the investment market are removed. It has drawn attention to the various financial, economic and labour policies of the Government which have contributed to lack of confidence among the investors and led to phenomenal loss and depreciation of capital.

After referring to the indices of security prices published by the Reserve Bank of India, it observes that the All-India Index number of fixed and variable dividend industrial securities which stood at 146.75 and 287.87 on 2nd August 1946, dropped to 98.89 and 114.45 respectively on 29th Oct. 1949 as compared to the base year 1938. That fixed dividend securities went below the 1938 base year was particularly significant as these securities were generally held by certain investing classes desirous of earning a fixed income from their savings. Although the index number of variable securities was somewhat higher than the base year figure, the sub-group index numbers in several industries, for example, electricity, shipping, railway, jute, mining and oil, were considerably below the base year. In view of the fact that the indices are based on 398 scripts quoted on the Bombay, Calcutta and Madras Stock Exchanges, the position would appear to be much worse if the large number of unquoted securities which would include a number of new companies whose shares had become unsaleable, were taken into account.

The Association has therefore urged that Government should revise its taxation, financial and economic policies in such a way as would reduce the existing level of taxation, increase the margin of savings and create conditions calculated to promote confidence in the mind of the investor.

CAPITAL FORMATION

Dealing with the question of capital formation, the Association has pointed out that during the war period and thereafter new companies were indiscriminately floated; Several companies had been floated without sufficient capital with the result that they had become moribund or had been confronted with serious financial difficulties. There had also been many cases where material information had been withheld and there were also cases in which underwriting arrangements had not been carried out. In several cases vendors transferred property to new companies at inflated prices and in a large number of cases concerns had been floated without due regard to availability of machinery and raw material, technical personnel, location etc. etc.

The Association has complained that the capital issues control had failed to protect the interests of the investing public. It has referred to cases where concerns which have collected capital from the public have not commenced business activities for one reason or another and has suggested that such concerns must be wound up so that tied-up capital may be immobilised for the benefit of the investment market.

PLANNED ECONOMY NEEDED

Proceeding, the Association observes, "it is clear that industrialisation of the country on haphazard lines can only end in disaster. No fiscal policy will succeed unless industrialisation which is one of its chief aims, is based on planned economy and not on opportunism. Industry should not be made the promotor's paradise". Another evil referred to by the Association has arisen out of unrestricted dealings by all and sundry in the shares of new companies before they are listed for official quotation on the Stock Exchange. It has also been pointed out that abuses of management have become more frequent and in this connection it has referred to its printed publication on Managing Agents.

After referring to the proposals for amendment of the Companies' Act, the Association has suggested that in the interest of orderly progress arrangements should be made for creation of some standing organisation under the planning commission whose appointment has been favoured by the Association in order that it may scrutinise the prospectuss of new floatations from the point of view of their soundness and the adequacy of the information disclosed therein before these are issued.

This organisation should, in collaboration with the Stock Exchange Authorities, frame a set of rules to be observed by, all the Stock Exchanges before granting official quotation for any scrip and Dealings in any scrip in which official quotations are not granted should be prohibited and made a criminal offence.

In support of these suggestions, the Association has relied upon precedents from the legislations of many countries such as the U.S.A., Great Britain, Canada, where considerable importance has been attached to the scrutiny of prospectuses and regulation of transactions in securities in order to protect the interests of the investing public.

FUTURE POLICY

The Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce giving evidence before the Fiscal Commission here today, advocated a more liberal policy of protection and assistance to industries. The defects of past policy were not so much with the discriminating policy itself as with the way in which that policy was worked. In the Chamber's view, an appropriate tariff policy for the future should be so framed as to help the country progressively to export finished and semi-finished articles and to import such manufactured articles as might not be produced in the country.

The Chamber was strongly in favour of a Central Planning Authority with directive powers, but agreed that in some cases it might be necessary to assume statutory powers to enforce the directions of the Planning Authority.

Mr. K. R. P. Shroff, President of the Bombay Stock Exchange, explained the factors, which were impeding new industrial investment in the country. Questioned as to whether speculation in the Stock Exchange affected the investment of savings in new industrial enterprises, particularly on the part of small investors, Mr. Shroff denied that this was so. The fluctuations in the Bombay Stock Exchange, he claimed, compared very favourably with similar fluctuations in the London and other exchanges. It was not possible in practice to devise any criteria or tests by which gambling could be distinguished from speculation in stock exchanges.

MASTER PLAN

Mr. A. D. Shroff, on behalf of the Tata Industries expressed his opposition to any policy of indiscriminate protection. Tariff policy was only an instrument of policy and must form part of a master plan based on an overall view of the economic situation, he said. The formulation and execution of such a plan implied the existence of a strong and efficient administrative system.

Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas stated that the functions of the proposed Planning Commission should be limited to an overall view of the entire field of economic development. It should confine itself primarily to the location of industries and the formulation of priorities.

Questioned about the safeguards for consumers in protected industries, he felt that it might be necessary to watch the progress and development of industries but detailed control and regulation should be available. Any appropriate fixed policy would involve acceptance of a programme of full fledged protection in suitable cases subject to adequate safeguards. On the subject of foreign capital he stated that such capital would be more readily available as soon as the necessary climate for it had been created and this depended on the economic policy of Government. Meanwhile it would be prudent to limit capital expenditure to such capital as was available in the country.

The basic task before the Fiscal Commission, Sir Purshottamdas said, was to formulate a stable economic policy for the country for the next ten or fifteen years and then to persuade the Government of India to stick to that policy, so that people might know where they stood and plan their economic activities accordingly.

UNESCO Can Ease World Tension

MUDALIAR'S VIEW

LONDON, Feb. 3 (PTI)—Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, former Diwan (Premier) of Mysore, said in London today that the solution of vital problems before the United Nations Economic and Social Council could help to ease the present international tension.

The council resumed its deliberations on February 7. As leader of the Indian Delegation—at one time he was President of the Council—Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar flies to New York tomorrow.

Of the most important things the Council will do will be to consider a report on financial aspects of recommendations made by the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East—that benefits from the United Nations Technical Assistance Programme for undeveloped countries be made available to all its associate members.

These countries are eight in number. They are Cambodia, Ceylon, Hong Kong, Laos, Malaya, Borneo, Indonesia and Republic of Viet Nam and Korea.

Freedom of information, human rights, trade union rights and world oil resources are other subjects to be considered by the Economic and Social Council and the Conference may last four or five weeks.

Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar told the Press Trust of India today that if the Council could come to fairly agreed decisions, which could be immediately implemented, on some of the vital questions facing it, these decisions would certainly have a bearing on the international situation and might help to ease the tension.

BAN ON FORWARD CONTRACTS

Issue Of Specific Release Orders

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Textile Commissioner to the Government of India has instructed all the mills in the Indian Union not to enter forward contracts for sale of yarn of counts 22s and below to places outside the Indian Union, says a Press Note issued here today by the Textile Commissioner.

The Press Note said: "Enquiries are being received by the Textile Commissioner from intending exporters to hard currency areas as to when the ban on forward contracts is likely to be withdrawn.

"The Textile Commissioner desires to make it known to all concerned that arrangements have been made to issue specific release orders within half an hour of receipt of an application in all those cases where the yarn is meant for export to hard currency countries.

"Intending exporters are, therefore, requested to approach the Textile Commissioner with a letter from the mills agreeing to the sale, on the basis of which a release order will be issued.

"Liberator" Arrested

COOCH BEHAR, Feb 3 (UPI)—Asadulla Sirajl, stated to be the organiser of East Pakistan Liberation Army who came here "to liberate India Muslims" was arrested at Bamanhat by the Cooch Behar Police.

Burmese Prime Minister Arrives In Madras

MADRAS, Feb. 3 (PTI)—Thakin Nu, Prime Minister of Burma who had been to Ceylon on a pilgrimage, arrived in Madras this afternoon by air from Colombo.

The Governor of Madras was among others at the air port to welcome the Burmese Prime Minister.

Offer To Recognise Seeds Traders Association

MEMBERS REJECT PROPOSAL

BOMBAY, Friday.

AN Extraordinary General Meeting of the members of the Seeds Traders Association Ltd., held today at the registered office of the Association for considering the Government's offer for recognition to adopt the constitution approved by the Government.

At the outset, the President, Mr. Ramdas Kilachand, gave a resume of the events that had happened since the closure of the market by Government Order in May 1949.

The President stated that they had pressed on the Government to recognise their association for Forward Trading, and as a result of such efforts, the Government of Bombay was pleased to make an offer to the Association for recognising it on reconstituting itself and on the Association making available the assets and the facilities to the reconstituted association, and the Broker members of the Associations were exempted from the deposit of Rs. 5,000.

The President also stated that on receipt of the offer from the Government, the Vice-President and himself interviewed Mr. Venkatappiah and asked for certain clarifications, particularly regarding the payment of entrance fees from and the application for admission by the members of the Association. After Mr. Venkatappiah had assured them that the entrance fee could not be asked for from the members of the Association and no application for admission could also be asked for from them, the Board decided to accept the offer of the Government.

THE LETTER

The President indicated the manner in which the Government had dealt with the forward trade of Oil Seeds as compared with the other trades viz: Cotton and Bullion. The President informed the Members that the Association received a letter from the Finance Department to the effect that a sum of Rs. 1,50,000 out of the assets of the Association could be distributed amongst the members so as at least Rs. 500 was paid to each of the brokermembers in respect of his claim on winding up under the existing articles. He informed the members as to the manner in which the Provisional Committee was functioning and the rulings given by the Government. Subsequent to the acceptance of the offer by the Association, the Government had altered the whole basis by exempting the members of the other associations from payment of entrance fees.

The President thereafter invited the members to make any observations and ask for any clarifications. Several members asked for clarifications on various points arising out of the press communique and the letter of the Finance Secretary and the Resume given by the President. The President and the Vice-President gave answers to those queries.

RETENTION OF NAME

The President informed the members that he had telephoned to Mr. Venkatappiah in the morning when the latter had told him that the Government would consider the question of retention of the name of the Seeds Traders Association and of permitting the payment of Rs. 75,000 out of the assets of the Association to the charitable dispensary which has been maintained by the Association, provided that the Provisional Committee agreed to the same.

The members of the Association did not approve of the attitude of the Government in asking the Association to deal with the Government through the Provisional Committee and they did not understand why the Government could not deal directly with the Association itself, with regard to matters which are entirely outside the scope of the Provisional Committee under the Press Communique dated the 14th November, 1949.

As regards the assets, Mr. Devji Ratansi stated that he was informed about the talk the President had with Mr. Venkatappiah and further stated that so far as he or the Grain and Oil Seeds Merchants Association (of which he was the representative on the Provisional Committee) were concerned, they would agree to the distribution of the entire assets amongst the members of the Seeds Traders Association but he could not give any undertaking on behalf of the Provisional Committee. He recommended that the resolution should be carried.

MEMBERS SORE

The remarks made by the members indicated that they felt sore at the attitude of the Government in modifying the press communique by making changes in it after the acceptance by the Seeds Traders' Association and without consulting that Association. The members felt that self-respect of the members of their Association was not preserved nor were they treated on a par with the members of the other Associations who had not made any sacrifice, and whose respective associations would continue to function and had not contributed anything towards the funds of the recognised Association. The members also did not approve of the manner in which the Provisional Committee was functioning.

The meeting took more than two hours and on taking votes on a show of hands, 8 members voted for accepting the proposal of the Government for recognition while an overwhelming majority voted against such acceptance.

CORDIAL SEND OFF TO MR. GADGIL

City Journalists' Meeting

BOMBAY, Friday.

A cordial send off party was given to Mr. P.V Gadgil, Editor 'Lokmanya' and the out-going President of the Marathi Journalists' Conference on the eve of his departure to U.K. on a tour organised by the British Information Services on behalf of the States Peoples Ltd., on Friday evening.

Mr. Shantilal Shah, Managing Director of the "Janmabhoomi" group of newspapers, eulogised Mr. Gadgil's contribution to the progress of Marathi journalism in which he held a unique position.

Mr. Appa Pendse, President of the Bombay Branch of the Marathi Journalists' Conference, and Mr. M. Harris, Editor of the "Ajmal", endorsed the sentiments expressed by Mr. Shah.

Mr. Sampes of the British Information Services explained the purpose of the tour and hoped that it would not be the last of its kind.

Assam Disappointed At Deshmukh Award

GAUHATI, February 3. (PTI). Mr Bishnuram Medhi, Finance and Revenue Minister of Assam, today expressed the Assam Government's disappointment at the Deshmukh Award regarding the income tax and jute export duty share to the States.

Under the Award, Assam gets only three per cent. of the income tax revenue and forty lakhs in respect of export duty on jute.

RESHUFFLE OF PAK CABINET LIKELY

Zafrullah May Have To Go

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, Feb. 3: It is learnt on good authority that the question of relieving Sir Mohomed Zafrullah Khan, the Minister for Foreign Affairs from the Central Pakistan Cabinet, is receiving serious consideration of the Pakistan authorities.

This step, it is said, is being taken on account of strong and persistant demand from prominent leaders of the Punjab who wish that Malik Khizar Haya Khan, the former Punjab Premier be taken on the Cabinet in place of Sir Zafrullah Khan as the latter belongs to Kadhian sect.

In this connection, some leaders from Punjab have had interviews with the Prime Minister Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan and stressed this point. The recent visit to Karachi of Mian Abdul Bari, President of the Punjab Provincial Muslim League, is also stated to be connected with this demand.

WANTED RED LEADER ARRESTED

ONGOLE, Feb. 3 (UPI): Guda Seetharamiah, a Communist leader who had gone underground was arrested by the local police at Gundayapalam.

One Nakka Garatiah has also been arrested on a charge of harbouring Seetharamiah.

The Chirala police have arrested about 15 persons at Parchoor, said to be Communist sympathisers, on a charge of indulging in anti-Republic Day activities.

KOLHAPUR, February 2, (PTI): It is learnt that out of the 6,000 refugees in Gandhinagar Camp, five miles here, 3,000 Sindhi refugees will be permanently rehabilitated there. The cost of rehabilitation is estimated Rs. 20 lakhs.

CANALS INSTEAD OF A CAPITAL

Socialist Campaign In East Punjab

JULLUNDUR, Feb. 2, (PTI): The provincal executive of the Socialist Party which had concluded its session at Patiala in a resolution urged the peasants of Chandigarh area to prepare for a peaceful and non-violent campaign aganst the construction of Punjab's new capital at Chandigarh.

The resolution said that it would be more advantageous if the crores proposed to be spent at Chandigarh were spent on the speedy completion of Bhakra and Nangal projects.

The Committee had urged upon the provincial Government to construct the capital at Ambala or any other place in the Punjab and by another resolution the party decided to launch an anti-ejectment campaign if the Punjab Government did not stop ejectment of tenants and restore lands to those tenants who had been ejected since August 1947.

More Women To Fight British Election

LONDON, Feb. 2 (PTI-Reuter): More women than ever before in British political history will fight to get into Parliament at the general election.

Already 111 have been nominated as prospective candidates. When all the nominations are in—not later than February 13—there may be more.

Compared with the 1945 election this represents a 20 per cent increase. There were then 87 women candidates, of whom 24 were elected.

NEW ANTI-T. B. DRUG DISCOVERED

Remarkable Curative Results Reported

LONDON, Feb. 2 (PTI-Reuter): The discovery in Japan of a new anti-tuberculosis drug which is claimed to have cured over 40 per cent of specially treated cases is reported in the current issue of the British Medical journal.

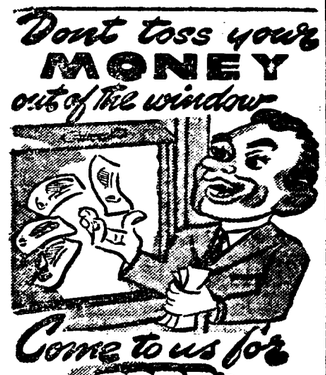
The Journal quotes Japanese claims that the drug, known as cepharanthine, also has "a remarkable effect" in leprosy cases and aids whooping cough treatment.

But further work in other countries will be needed before cepharanthine can be accepted as an important drug for the control of these diseases, the British journal comments.

Fall In Anglo-Argentine Trade

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 2, (PTI-Reuter): Plans were made today (for Anglo-Argentine talks here on February 20 in accordance with the Anglo-Argentine Trade Pact which provides for consultations between the two Governments.

So far the flow of trade has failed to reach the proportions envisaged in the agreement. While Argentine purchases from Britain of "non-essentials" have fallen far short of the £92,50,000 provided for. British purchases—mainly because of Argentina's high prices—have also fallen short. Trade so far has degenerated into a virtual barter of essentials"—meat for fuel—despite efforts to strike a "high level balancing agreement."



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GOA XI TRIUMPH IN REPLAY BY 2 GOALS

Enter Final Of Festival Hockey For Second Year

BOMBAY, Friday.

Goa XI qualified for the finals of the Festival Hockey Tournament for the second year in succession when they accounted for the Rest XI this evening by two goals to nil at the Cooperage.

Today's supervision of the game was no exception to what has been witnessed during the past fortnight. Umpires A. V. Rebeiro and M. S. Joseph committed so many blunders that it is extremely difficult to keep an exact tally of the number of times that they tripped.

Both the Umpires kept on blowing up for offences in each others halves when they had no right to do so and were unable to agree in whose favour the advantage had to be given. On several occasions they penalised the wrong players and the culprits secured the advantage. Umpire Rebeiro even failed to award a penalty bully in the first few minutes of the game when Perumal stopped a reverse flick by A. Braganza on his foot from a centre by Lenny D'Souza.

The result of the game is not a true index of the run of play for the Rest had as many chances of scoring as their opponents if not the better ones but their inner trio failed to combine effectively and make the most of the opportunities that came their way. Kenny Lefebour and John Vaz performed very poorly and were seldom seem to do a thing right. Their half line worked strenuously to keep the opposing forwards at bay and succeeded in doing so.

The Goans played better than they did on their previous outing with the reappearance of Francis Coutinho on the left wing. Their defence was as sound as ever with Walter D'Souza outstanding for his brilliant tackling and accurate clearances.

Lenny D'Souza sent in a stinging shot from the right which A. Lobo the Rest goalkeeper saved well but the ball rebounded to Lenny who sent it across the goalmouth where A. Braganza flicked it into the goal but Perumal stopped it with his foot and cleared with the goalie out of his charge but the Umpire failed to see the offence.

A little later Joe D'Mello opened the Goans account with a rising shot from close in after H. Roberts had failed to clear the ball. Then Frank Correa was injured on the head when he collided with L. D'Costa in a melee and had to receive medical attention which was delayed due to the non-appearance of doctor who though sitting in the Committee box was unaware of the incident and it had to be brought to his notice by a Committee member.

D'Mello completed his side's tally a little later with a scoop of a pass from D'Costa.

The teams:

GOA XI: L. Pinto; W. D'Souza, Joaquim D'Souza; H. D'Souza, G. Pereira, M. Vaz; L. D'Costa, J. D'Mello, L. D'Souza, A. Braganza, F. Coutinho.

REST XI: A. Lobo; O. Ferreira, Roberts; Perumal, Miranda, R. Fernandes; G. Gomes, J Vaz, F. Correa, K. LeFebour M. D'Souza.

Umpires: M. Joseph and A. V. Ribeiro.

Earlier in the evening Dolphin S.C. and B.P.T. "B" drew, neither side being able to score. This match was played in the Championship round of the Third Division of the B.P.H.A. League.

PRESIDENCY TENNIS

BOMBAY, Friday.

Twelve men's singles matches were played this evening on the opening day of the Bombay Presidency Hard Court Tennis championships that commenced today at the P. J. Hindu Gymkhana's courts at the Kennedy Seaface.

Of the twelve, the one between N. Mecklai and G. G. Chandiramani remained unfinished when play was stopped due to failing light. Except for the matches, which K. C. Mashruwala and Satish M. Vakil won, the remaining matches were all decided in two straight sets. Mashruwala after winning the first set against R. C. Vin, lost the second, but playing confidently in the decider, Mashruwala collared the last set conceding only three games to his opponent.

Satish M. Vakil after losing the initial set to his opponent J. K. Asher without scoring even one game, surprisingly turned the tables on his rival in the next two sets which he annexed to win the match.

The following were the results:—

MEN'S SINGLES

B.C. Choksi beat D.M. Bhatia 6-3, 6-3, N.J. Belani beat Om Praash Grover 6-1, 6-1, B. Vijayasingh beat K.L. Mehta 6-0, 6-3, R.N. Bhagwat beat J. K. Kothari 6-2, 6-2, R.K. Sanghani beat P.K. Ghuvalewalla 6-3, 8-6, K.C. Mashruwalla beat R.C. Vin, 6-2, 2-6, 6-3, Satish M. Vakil beat J.K. Asher 0-6, 6-3, 6-3, K.V. Shevde beat A.M. Abraham 6-4, 6-2, J.N. Powar beat S. N. Iyer 6-1, 6-2, Jitendra M. Vakil beat M.F. Ghia, 6-2, 6-3, Mecklai vs G.G. Chandiramani 6-3, 5-7 (unfinished).

Fixtures for Saturday.

At 3-30 p.m. Ashok Khatau vs V.R. Parekh, Y.J. Dhruv vs B. Harlalka, D.G. Kapadia vs U.S. Bangera, B. Vijayasingh vs J.N. Powar, N.G. Kapadia vs Sarangpani, L.T. Asaldekar vs P.J. Roy, R. Habib vs N. Kehriwalla, J.V. Kamath or S. Alcor vs J. M. Vakil.

JAYANT EXTENDS FARKAS

World Table Tennis Championships

BUDAPEST, Feb. 2, (PTI-Reuter).

JAYANT, who received a walk-over in the first round while his compatriots, Chandarana and Ranbir Bhandari were beaten, scored a fine victory over Hamori of Hungary, the scores being 21-15, 14-21, 20-22, 21-18 and 21-19. He however was beaten in the third round by the Hungarian star Farkas in a great five-game struggle.

Farkas, who claimed the first two games at 21-15, 21-19 found the Indian opponent in irresistible form and the latter evened the scores taking the next two games at 21-14 and 21-17.

The decider was thrilling and Jayant, who played as well as his opponent, was perhaps unlucky to lose it at 19-21 and thereby the match.

India's representatives have all been thus elliminated from the World Table Tennis Championship.

Punjab Hockey Championships

JULLUNDUR, Feb. 2, (PTI): Three matches were decided today in the Punjab Hockey Championships.

P. E. P. S. U.: Police beat Jullundur District by four to two.

New Stars Delhi beat Ambala District by three goals to nil.

Patiala Eleven beat Gurdaspur by five goals to nil.

Madras Engineers Centre In Final

NEW DELHI, Feb. 2 (PTI).

The Madras Engineers Centre qualified for the final of the All-India Service Boys Championship 1950 by defeating the Rajput Regimental Centre tonight.

The Madras Engineers Centre will meet the Dogra Regimental Centre on February 4 in the finals.

The results are:

MIDGET: Gnana Prakasam (Madras Engineers) beat Peshkar Singh (Rajput Regiment).

MOSQUITO 1ST STRING: Chatar Singh (Rajput Reg.) beat Ratnam (Madras Engineers).

MOSQUITO 2ND STRING: Sunder (Madras Engineers) beat Babu Singh (Rajput Regiment).

FLY WEIGHT 1ST STRING: Hari Singh (Rajput Reg.) beat Mahimdass (Madras Engineers).

FLY WEIGHT 2ND STRING: Jesu Dass (Madras Engineers) beat Narain Singh (Rajput Regiment).

FLY WEIGHT 3RD STRING: Ranganadan (Madras Engineers) beat Gajadhar Singh (Rajput Regiment).

BANTAM WEIGHT FIRST STRING: Ranganadan (Madras Engineers) beat Dhanpal Singh (Rajput Reg.)

BANTAM WEIGHT SECOND STRING: Nagar Singh (Rajput Regiment) beat Sivalingam (Madras Engineers).

FEATHER WEIGHT: Perumal (Madras Engineers) beat Udai Pratap Singh (Rajput Regiment).

In the Day's Sports

HOCKEY

Cooperage:

3-10 p.m. Blue Wizards vs. Dolphin.

4-10 p.m. Juvenile S.C. vs. Goan "C" (Third Division).

5-20 p.m. Bombay XI vs. Combined Railway (Festival Semifinal 2nd replay).

CRICKET

Brabourne Stadium

10-45 a.m. Commonwealth Eleven vs West Zone (1st Day).

TENNIS

P. J. Hindu Gymkhana

3-30 p.m. Presidency Hardcourt Championships

Bombay Gymkhana

4-25 p.m. P.V.M. Women's Tournament.

CANADA WILL HOLD NEXT EMPIRE GAMES

Plea To Give Asiatic Countries A Chance

AUCKLAND, Feb. 3 (PTI-Reuter).—Canada was today nominated by the Board of the British Empire Games Federation as the venue for the 1954 games.

This decision was ratified by the General Assembly, who confirmed it unanimously.

The Manager of the Canadian team at the Games, Major J. W. Davies, said he was delighted that Canada had been given the games. He said it would probably be a close fight between Toronto, Hamilton, Montreal and Vancouver on the selection of the city where the games would be held, and added that he did not expect any decision on this to be made for about five months.

The Australian delegates at the Board meeting suggested that the decision on the venue be deferred for 12 months. They were not against Canada having them, but wished to give other countries the opportunity to apply.

One of the delegates, Les Duff, who is a member of the Australian Olympic Council, said: "We must encourage the Asian countries. If not, they will take more interest in the proposal to stage the Asian Games in the near future and lose interest in ours.

"For the sake of the British Empire, this must not happen."

The Chairman of the Federation, Mr. A. E. Porritt, said the policy of the Federation was to hold the games in different empire countries.

"The games were held in Sydney in 1946 and now in 1950 in Auckland, and I consider it only fair that the 1954 games should go to a country of the northern hemisphere", he said.

Dr. Perera, a manager of the Ceylon team, told the Federation that Ceylon would be an applicant for selection to stage the games in 1958.

Dr. Perera said that by then Ceylon felt certain they would have the many facilities needed to assure the success of the games.

MISS GHASVALA GOES DOWN FIGHTING

P.V.M. Women's Tennis

BOMBAY, Friday.

In a match lasting nearly an hour and a half, Mrs. Mani Bharucha prevailed over Miss Mehru Ghasvala in the P. V. M. Women's Open Tennis Tournament encounter this evening at the Bombay Gymkhana. Both players content to keep the rally going, were concerned in many prolonged rallies. Mrs. Bharucha after losing the initial set at 7-9, rallied round to win the next two at the cost of three games in each of the remaining sets.

Miss Pramilla Khanna and Mrs. Jaya Kania, who are seeded number two in the doubles experienced very little difficulty in accounting for their opponents Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Walf, whom they beat at the cost of a solitary game.

Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Cuthbertson also won their match with the greatest ease from Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Hickson.

The following were the results of the matches played this evening:

Women's Singles

Mrs. Vinter beat Mrs. Bhavnani, 6-2, 6-4; Mrs. Mani Bharucha beat Miss Mehru Ghasvala, 7-9, 6-3, 6-3; Miss Laura Woodbridge beat Miss Pilloo Billimoria, 6-2, 6-0.

Women's Doubles

Miss Pramilla Khanna and Mrs. Jaya Kania beat Mrs. A. Wilson and Mrs. A. Walf, 6-0, 6-1; Mrs. Betty Stewart and Mrs. Cuthbertson beat Mrs. Wallace and Mrs Hickson, 6-0, 6-2; Princess of Baroda and Mrs. M. D. Bhat w.o. "B" Pair.

FIXTURES FOR SATURDAY:

COURT No. 7: at 4-15 p.m.—Mrs. B. Stewart vs. Mrs. P. Madhok; followed by Miss P. Khanna vs. Mrs. F. Bekkevold; and Mrs. Wells and Mrs. Vilkie vs. Mrs. Vinter and Mrs. Oxtoby.

COURT No. 8: at 4-15 p.m.—Mrs. R. Gazdar vs. Mrs. Oxtoby; followed by Miss L. Merchant vs. Mrs. Cuthbertson; and Miss M. Ghasvala and Miss P. Billimoria vs. Miss S. Kundaji and Miss Bhatt.

Indian Boxer Outpointed In First Fight In Australia

MELBOURNE, Feb. 3 (PTI-Reuter): The India featherweight boxer Jagir Singh, eight stone ten pounds, was outpointed by the Australian champion Bernie Grant, eight stone twelve and half pounds, in a 12 rounds non-title fight tonight.

Singh was having his first fight in Australia since arriving from Singapore.

Another Commonwealth Team To Tour India Next Winter

NEW ZEALAND UNABLE TO SEND TEAM TO INDIA THIS YEAR

BOMBAY, Feb. 3.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India, it is understood, will meet in Madras after the fifth "Test" to consider the question of inviting another Commonwealth side to tour India next winter. This is to fill the void created by the inability of the New Zealand Cricket Council to send a representative team here, as scheduled.

The New Zealand Cricket Council are understood to have informed the Board that most of their "stars" who toured England last year would not be available for a tour to India either because of health or business reasons. The Council, therefore, was not in favour of putting in a new team because such a side would lack experienced leadership and might prove a failure from the point of view of advancing international cricket and good will.

The Council is reported to have informed the Board that Hadlee, who captained the New Zealand team in England, suffered a rather severe knee injury during the tour: Wallace, the Vice-Captain, and Burt could not leave their country for business reasons: Their fast bowler Cowie being 37 has retired from big cricket, Cave also suffered a strain in England and it is considered doubtful whether he will play again: Burke and Smith are civil servants and could undertake the tour only at the risk of prejudicing their careers, while Sutcliffe is stated to have become a professional.

BRITAIN'S HOPES

Two of Britain's leading women athletes who are now in Auckland, New Zealand for the Empire Games which are scheduled to be held from today to February 11. Miss Dorothy Manley (left) and Miss Jean Desforges are seen completing their training.

FOURTH BRITISH EMPIRE GAMES WILL BE OPENED TODAY

600 Athletes From Twelve Commonwealth Nations To Take Part

AUCKLAND, February 3, (PTI-Reuter).

THE fourth British Empire Games will be opened at Eden Park Stadium here tomorrow afternon by the Governor General, Sir Bernard Freyberg, V. C.

The ceremonl, in which 600 athletes from twelve nations the Commonwealth will take part, will be watched by a crowd of probably more than forty thousand.

The twelve teams will assemble on the parade ground outside the historic oval of Eden Park for the opening parade. This will be led by the Australians as hosts of the last games in Sydney in 1938, followed in alphabetical order by Canada, Ceylon, England, Fiji, Malaya, Nigeria, Rhodesia, Scotland, South Africa, Wales with New Zealand, the host nation, coming in last.

To a fanfare of trumpets the team, headed by their flag leader, will face Sir Bernard and the tribune of distinguished visitors.

The Governor General will read a message from King Georve VI and then formally declare the games open. As the National Anthem is played, the Union Jack will be hoisted to the arena masthead. A salute of four guns to this fourth Empire Games will be followed by the release of hundreds of pigeons.

Then the flag-bearers of the twelve nations will gather round the rostrum for the oath of amateurism, to be taken by Stan Lay of New Zealand, a competitor of the first games at Hamilton (Canada) in 1930.

On behalf of his fellow competitors, he will pledge "our best endeavour to uphold the honour of our country in British sportsmanship."

The teams will then march out of the stadium, and shortly afterwards the games will begin with the heats of the Men's 100 Yards.

There is still no sign of rain and with every seat gone the games should open in a blaze of glory.

Finals to be contested on the opening day are the Men's and Women's 100 Yards, the Six Miles, the High Jump and the Hammer Throw.

In the evening the scene shifts to the Olympic Pool, where the events include the finals of the 440 Yards Women's Free Style Relay, the 880 Yards Men's Free Style Relay and a Water Polo contest between the Australian team and the local New Zealanders.

In the evening there will also be wrestling at the Auckland Town Hall.

The New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr. Sidney Holland, today paid tribute to the great value of the games and joined Zealanders in extending a warm welcome to the visitors.

"To competitors in the games, I say good hunting and the best of luck", he said. "I know they will all give of their best and display that spirit of sportsmanship that counts the race beyond the prize.

Empire Games Federation Executive Committee

AUCKLAND, Feb. 3 (PTI-Reuter).

The British Empire Games Federation today agreed in principle to the formation of an Executive Committee of Federation in London.

Each country affiliated to the Federation would nominate one representative resident in or near London.

The final date for receipt of nominations was fixed as June 1, when further consideration would be given to the project.

Inter-Services Squash At Delhi

NEW DELHI, Feb. 2, (PTI): In the Inter-Services Squash Rackets Championship played at the Delhi Gymkhana Club, Major J. V. Pinto and Major K. C Anand qualified for the final today defeating Capt. Girdhari Singh and Capt. Bharat Singh respectively.

Oritz-Sullivan Fight Postponed

LONDON, Feb. 3 (PTI-Reuter):—World bantamweight boxing champion, Manuel Oritz of Mexico, has cabled Jack Solomons, the London promoter, asking for a new date for his world title fight against the British champion, Danny Sullivan. The cable stated that he had been sick and would like a new date in March but that he will leave for England on February 25.

Solomons has agreed and informed Oritz that transport had been arranged for him for that date.

The original date for the fight at Harringay was February 28 but it will now probably take place at the end of March.

Victoria All Out For 300 In Sheffield Shield Match

BRISBANE, Feb. 3. (PTI-Reuter):—Victoria scored 300 in their first innings against Queensland here today and at close of play in the Sheffield Shield match Queensland were twenty for one wicket in reply.

Chief scores for Victoria were D. Kerr (97), Douglas Ring (93) and H. Turner (783.

BOMBAY PREPARES FOR NATIONAL OLYMPICS

Front-Rank Athletes From All Over India To Take Part

BOMBAY, Feb. 2.

WITH hardly a week for the fourteenth All-India Olympic Games to commence at the Brabourne Stadium, Bombay is looking forward to receive front-rank athletes from all over India.

So far 15 States and Provinces have sent in their entries, Patiala leading as usual with the largest batch of athletes.

The Olympic Village which is situated a few minutes walk from the stadium will be opened on Feb. 7, at 11 a.m. by the Home Minister of Bombay, Mr. Morarji Desai.

The Bombay Provincial Olympic Association has drawn up a programme of sight-seeing and short cruises for the athletes who are expected to arrive three days before the games.

The Premier of Bombay, Mr. B G. Kher will give a reception to the athletes on Feb. 10 at 10 a.m.

The Olympic Games proper will commence on the morning of Feb. 10 with the 50 Kilometers Walk.

On the same day at 1 p.m. pigeons will be released from the stadium as messengers of peace, followed by the arrival of the torch-runner who will light the olympic flames.

The Marathon Race, one of the most important track events in the Olympic Games, will be held on the second day. The race will start and finish at the Brabourne Stadium.

Raja Maharaj Singh, Governor of Bombay who is the Patron-in-Chief of the Games will arrive at the stadium at 12-45 p.m on the 10th.

The opening ceremony will be marked by a salute of 11 guns.

The All-India Radio will broadcast a commentary on the various events of the Olympics.

The films division of the Government of India will film the events.

The enable school boys and girls to attend the olympic games, the Director of Public Instruction, Bombay, has instructed all the heads of schools in Bombay to have morning classes on Friday and Saturday—the first two days of the Olympic Games.

"Freebooter" Backed To Win £ 10,000

LONDON, Feb. 3 (PTI-Reuter): A bet of £10,000 to £600 was laid at Windsor races today about the northern trained horse Freebooter for the Grand National.

Another piece of "Spring Double" news disclosed at the meeting was that Gordon Richards is almost certain to ride Dramatic in the Lincolnshire Handicap.

Dramatic is already favourite in the ante-post betting on the Lincolnshire while Freebooter is bracketed at the head of 'National' quotations with the Royal horse, Monaveen, and Lord Mildmay's Cromwell.

MISRA AND DILIP BOSE IN SEMIFINAL

MANILA, (Philippines), Feb. 3, (PTI-Reuter): In quarter-finals matches of the Philippines men's doubles lawn tennis championships today, Sumant Misra and Dilip Bose of India, P. Masip, Spain and H. Weiss Argentine, F. Ampon and A. Carmona, Philippines, won matches and will play in the semi-finals tomorrow.

Wong Peng Soon To Play In English Championships

LONDON, Feb 3 (PTI-Reuter): Wong Peng Soon has cabled his entry for All-England Badminton Championships here next month and settled any doubts about his plans. H. A. Scheele, Honorary Secretary, All-England Badminton Association, said today that he received the cable this morning.

Earlier it was stated that M. B Radtort, Britain's number one player who will partner Wong in doubles had received a cable from Wong stating his entry was in post.

Eclipse Stakes At The Mercy Of Balam

RED CARNATION AND TISCO GREATLY FANCIED

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Eclipse Stakes, which, in the past carried the largest stakes has now about half a lakh of Rupees to share among the first three. A small field of eight have been left in and the famous Balam is the only Indian-bred. In this terms event to be run over ten furlongs, Mr. Chandulal Shah's five-year-old son of Illuminate will not lack solid support and he is sure to make every post a winning post.

Red Carnation and Tisco possess outstanding chances in their respective events.

The following are my selections:-

1st RACE
RUMBITA — Win
HARLEM LIGHTS — Next Best

2nd RACE
RED CARNATION — Win
MY AZIZA — Next Best

3rd RACE
KANTAKA — Win
TOPFLIGHT — Next Best

4th RACE
BASILIAN — Win
ODDS AGAIN — Next Best

5th RACE
COCKTOP — Win
MADURI — Next Best

6th RACE
MASQUERADE — Win
WET BOB — Next Best

7th RACE
BALAM — Win
FIRST ROYALTY — Next Best

8th RACE
SHAH FREDOON — Win
GIPSY BILL — Next Best

9th RACE
TISCO — Win
If ab. BIRBAL
MACDONALD — Next Best

CHOICE TREBLE

RED CARNATION
BALAM
TISCO

FLUKES

MADRAS
DRY DAY

OUTSTANDING SPURT BY TISCO

By Our Track Reporter

THE following are the spurts noted this morning at Mahalaxmi:—

OUTER TAN

DOORANI (Khade) moved well in hand when covering three furlongs in 37½ secs. She is nicely to hand now.

ONCE AGAIN (Duffy) put an impressive spurt over three furlongs. He returned 36 secs.

PAYARE SAHEB (Robert) and MISS PIERROT (Kasbekar) clocked three furlongs in 38 secs.

TAMASHA (D'Monte) showed the way to MACDONALD (Kheem) and MALKA-E-ALAM (R.B.) when sent over three furlongs. Timing 36 secs. The second-named was in hand.

GAME BID (Bhoor) covered three furlongs in 37 secs.

CRYSTAL (Duffy) held DIESEL (Chavan) when covering three furlongs in 36 secs.

PADHUMA (Ghauskhan) negotiated three furlongs in 38 secs.

FIRST ROYALTY (Whiteside) produced an excellent three furlong spurt in 36 secs.

TRUNK CALL (J. Bhosle) covered three furlongs in 37 secs.

KIRTI (Damodar) clocked 38 secs. when sent over three furlongs.

GAY BOY (Shivanna) negotiated three furlongs in 37 secs.

WET BOB (D'Monte) strode in front of ADELINE (Kasbekar) when worked over three furlongs. The first-named was not fully extended and recorded 36½ secs.

TASLAROON (Dar) moved freely when covering three furlongs in 37½ secs.

MASKED LADY (Khade) and PAY MASTER (Hanuman) covered three furlongs in 37 secs. Both were in hand.

MACK (D'Monte) had the measure of QUIP (Damodar) when covering three furlongs in 37 secs.

RACE GRASS

FLYING BANNER (Jones) and BLUE GLEAM (Kadam) lay in close order at the end of a spurt over three furlong. Timing 36 secs.

BASILIAN (Purtu) accounted for BOTTICELLI (Kadam) when covering three furlongs in 36 secs.

MAH-I-NAU (Khade) easily beat DRY DAY (Ghaus Khan) when covering three furlongs in 36 secs.

RED CARNATION (Kheem) was level with CHANDROOS (Mulla) when tried over three. She returned 35 secs. Likely to avenge tomorrow.

GIPSY BILL (Davis) was too good for BENTEX (Guman) when covering three furlongs in 35½ secs.

TISCO (Chavan) shaped like a winner when clocking three furlongs in 34½ secs.

MASQUERADE (Rickaby) strode in great style over three furlongs. Timing 35½ secs.

ODDS AGAIN (Kheem) disposed of ARMINA (Walker) and HARLEM LIGHTS (Kadam) when negotiating three furlongs in 36 secs.

KINDERSON (Davis) was speedier than DIESEL (Chavan) when sent over half mile. He returned 48 1/5 secs.

Delhi Basket Ball And Volleyball Teams Chosen

(From Our Special Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Feb. 3.

Delhi Provincial Basketball and Volleyball Associations have selected the following players to represent Delhi Province in the 14th All-India Olympic Games which are to be held in Bombay from February 9.

BASKETBALL: Shadilal (Captain) Y.M.B.A., Hardayal (Y.M.B.A.), Baldev Javjagar Singh, Dharam Vir and Yash Pal (Y.M.C.A.), Sri Ram and Roshnial (Y.M.B.A.), Madanmohan and R. R. Varma (Polytechnic).

VOLLEYBALL: Gurdev Singh (Captain), Satprakash, L. N. Chedda, R. N. Bhardwaj and L. N. Govind (New Friends), R. K. Kochar (Delhi Varsity), Hari Prakash Kohli (R.C.A.O.) and Om Prakash (Malaria Unit).

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Racing Under Ideal Conditions

The Bombay Chronicle

THE U. P. CRISIS

The action—expulsion from the provincial Parliamentary party taken against two leaders of what has come to be known as the "minority group" of the Uttar-Pradesh Congress has brought its inevitable first reaction. When the U. P. Assembly met the other day twenty-one members of the Congress Party followed their expelled colleagues and occupied seats facing the Ministerial benches. This was expected and was, in fact, foreshadowed in the statement recently issued by Mr. S. K. D. Paliwal, one of the provincial leaders of the Minority Group. It is claimed on behalf these members that their shift does not mean that they have left the Congress or the Congress Party. That is so, but it is true, as argued by the group in power that their action amounts to a moral "crossing of the floor". The important question, however, is: What is to be done to settle this domestic conflict in such a way as to save the name and prestige of the Congress which, there can be no doubt, has been hardly shaken in the United Provinces, now Uttar Pradesh?.

We need not go into the background of the differences between the two groups or recall how they came to a head in January last inspite of the efforts of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. We said then that the malaise was serious and needed attention from the Working Committee. Later developments have only confirmed that view. The majority group in the U.P.P.C.C., which also constitutes the Government of the U. P. State, is, despite, we believe, moderating advice by the leader, Pandit Pant out for drastic action against the Minority on grounds of indiscipline. Indeed, it demands that "minority" Congressmen be expelled not only from the party but also from the Congress organisation itself. This demand, we think, has no more than technical justification. What is charged as an attitude of "indiscipline" has persistently been claimed by the Minority to have been inspired by regard for the interests of the Congress, the Congress administration and the U. P. State. Specific charges were made by Minority members of corruption, favouritism and so on by men in power. That charge-sheet is the beginning of the trouble that has developed into what we regard for the Congress as the present crisis. Those charges have not been investigated as they should have been. And they cannot be disposed of by summarily brushing them aside. Indifference to them has only resulted in their taking a hold of the public mind in the U. P. They should be adequately inquired into at the highest level, that is, by the Congress President and the Working Committee and action should be taken in accordance with the findings whatever they may be. The impression is abroad, and everywhere, that grave evils have entered into the Congress organisation, that the inspiration in Congress work, both in its political and its administrative branches, is no longer the high idealism of service to the people and the country, but power and selfishness. Demoralisation is the admitted distinctive feature of Congress life. That and departure from the old standard of conduct have been repeatedly deplored by national leaders like Pandit Nehru and Sardar Patel. The fast failing prestige of the Congress demands that the public should have grounds to believe that the process of cleansing the Congress has begun in earnest.

A Healthy Opposition

There was a great deal of force in Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's charge against the Socialists that, instead of forming a constitutional opposition, they were devoting their attention to creating trouble. It is true that until the opposition gets an opportunity to function in Parliament, it will be tempted to indulge in obtructionist taetics and in policies calculated to rouse the people. That opportunity can only present itself after the next elections since the 1946 elections were held before political parties grew on clear-cut lines. Nevertheless, a constitution party ought to renounce voluntarily certain methods of agitation. Apart from party differences, there are fundamentals which have to be accepted; and there is every reason to think that the Socialist Party of India has accepted them, even though individual members sometimes act in a manner calculated to create a very different impression. It was ardently hoped that the centre of gravity reverting to Delhi would lead to a healthy growth of political parties interested in public questions and working for definite objectives. But it has to be admitted that this has not occurred except in the Congress, and that too in a very limited degree. It is because of this that political democracy is slow in developing, not because of the absence of an opposition.

It has been frequently asserted that an opposition is essential to a democracy. It is a thesis which has created trouble in other countries, because it has arisen from a misunderstanding of what democracy means. It is not the presence of an opposition that is essential so much as the existence of conditions conducive to an opposition being formed. The latter is something for the Government to ensure. But it is absurd to blame the Government if opposition does not crystallize into an opposition and remains just scattered criticism. As Sardar Patel hinted, the blame for this rests solely with the critics who refuse to grow up. If there were no political party to organise the critics, it would be an admission of the lack of energy and staying power of the critics. But we have the picture of many parties aspiring for the role of the opposition and innumerable critics, without any effective opposition being built up. If the party in power is also to be condemned for failure to hold the public support with which it started, the other parties must be equally denounced for their unrealistic attidues which have deprived them of even the chance of assuming the role of effective opposition.

What the aspirants for second place fail to see is that to achieve that they must aim for the first No party ever convinced an electorate of its capacity by going before it with the declared intention of opposing. The attitude that responsibility requiries, is very different from that which mere obstruction beings about. And there can be no camouflage which can help to disguise the one as the other. It is only when we have a political organisation that is prepared to consider every problem as a problem which it will have to tackle when it gets into the saddle, that we shall be able to say we have an opposition. And a party that does not give up the negative forms of political agitation will not be able to bring a constructive mind to the country's problems. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel spoke of a healthy opposition and said that he would welcome it. It is possible that such an opposition, when it does come, will not be exactly what the Sardar expects it to be. But at the same time it has to be said that at present there is no party which seems mature enough to develop into an opposition. On the contrary, it looks as though in a mood of desperation they are all resorting to frenzied activity in a kind of dog-in-the-manger politics.

Record Absenteeism

The revelation that there is 30 per cent absenteeism in the Municipal Transport staff, will come as a surprise to the public. The figure goes far beyond the highest hitherto recorded, on the plantations, which, has been somewhere round 25 per cent. Absenteeism generally prevails when employees are dissatisfied with their working conditions and at the same time are suffering from a sense of being so indispensable that they can do their work in any fashion. Just as a strike indicates some sudden awareness of disability which calls for drastic action, absenteeism is a case of the iron having entered into the soul. It does more damage to business interests, producers' and consumers', than an outright strike. The Union Secretary in a public statement refers to the "studied indifference of the management to the grievances of the workers". This is obviously a one-sided view of the quarrel but it seems to be more deeply held than is generally suspected. The absenteeism to which the workers resort is a weapon which places a burden on more conscientious workers. The Socialists who are supposed to have a special interest in the working class, have as great a reason to deal with this problem as any other section of the community and, since they control the Union, their responsibility is the greater to settle this forthwith. On the immediate cause of the strike, we are told that the dismissal of some workers was responsible. A concern which puts up with this high rate of absenteeism or is helpless in the face of it, cannot be charged with obsession with discipline. The short strike might be welcomed as the cause of bringing to light the conditions which exist in the B.E.S.T. Undertaking, if the various parties get down to tackling seriously the problem of absenteeism and eliminating it. This is what the public interest demands and there should be no time wasted in bickering between political groups.

Thought For The Day

He who bends to himself a joy Does the winged life destroy; But he who kisses the joy as it flies Lives in eternity's sunrise.

—BLAKE.

Tete-à-Tete

WITHOUT COMMENT

He was also critical of the present Government tendencies which he said were 'dictatorial and fascist'. Public Safety Acts and Fifth-column scare were being used to silence all criticism and comment on the Government which was most unIslamic.

—Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy at a convention in Karachi of prominent leaders from the Punjab, N. W. F. P. and other places.

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Replying in Parliament to critics Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel said amidst laughter: "Unfortunately Gandhiji has left so many followers in this country that it is difficult to say who is good and who is bad."

The Sardar is right. Almost everybody claims to follow the Mahatma.

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The time. declared Sardar Patel, has come when we must adjust our policy in such a way that all sections of society will cooperate. But wouldn't that enable the wrong sections of society to cooperate the wrong way?

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By the way two speakers solemnly explained to an ignorant House what India immediately needed in the way of a cabinet. Mr. H. V. Kamath declared that India needed a Younger Cabinet while Mr. Mahavir Iyagi announced that India needed a "Republican Cabinet."

Agreeing with both we urgently suggest that Messrs Kamath and Iyagi should go into a huddle and produce an agreed list.

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Speaking in the Parliamentary debate on the President's address Mrs. Sucheta Kripalani insisted that no substantial advance could be made unless women who formed 50 per cent of India's population were enabled to play an equal part in all fields of national life.

We heartily and most gratefully endorse the lady's implied consent to allow man an equal share.

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And we rebukingly reject as impertinence the Junior Colleague's question whether Mrs. Sucheta Kripalani intended her demand to apply to the Defence Services too.

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'Tibetan democratic personages in Peking are reported by the Communist radio to have advised" Tibet's Government to give up any ideas of independence and join up with Red China.

On the basis, as it were, of "if eventually, why not now?"

CITY CORPORATION: WEEK BY WEEK

By "Citizen"

THIS week the Corporation was characterized by a series of important rulings given by the Mayor. There were as many as three of them and all of them important in one way or another.

The first was in connection with the special meeting called on the requisition of the Socialist Party to amend the rules of procedure so as to disallow the moving of closure motions before a subject was adequately discussed on the floor of the House. The resolution referred to the presiding authority's reluctance to excercise the discretion vested in him by the rules to accept or not a closure motion. The Mayor Mr. S. K. Patil ruled that, as that amounted to an indirect censure on the Chair, the motion was out of order.

The Mayor also ruled out of order the proposition of Mr. S. A. Keluskar requesting His Worship to make representations to the Government to remove the restrictions imposed on the Rashtra Seva Dal. The ruling was to the effect that the resolution sought to rescind the order in case of the R. S. D. when the order in question was served on as many as eight organisations. The Mayor held that the request for partial lifting of the ban was out of order.

A third occasion for the Mayoral ruling arose when Mr. Adam Ali moved a resolution requesting the B.E.S.T. Committee to give serious consideration to the various demands made by the B.E.S.T. Workers Union and to redress the grievances of the workers at an early date so as to avoid undesirable results. Dr. V. B. Gandhi raised a point of order contending that the resolution sought to restrict the discretion vested in the B.E.S.T. Committee, by law, and was as such out of order. The Mayor ruled that the resolution was vague in as much as the House was not informed through proper channels about the demands of the workers referred to in the resolution. He, however, permitted the discussion in view of the fact that such discussions had taken place in the past, but at the same time he warned the House that no such concession would be made in future and only propositions of a precise nature would be permitted to be discussed.

All these rulings have considerable importance and their implications are significant and it would, therefore, be better if all important rulings up-to-date were published in a classified form for the guidance of the Councillors.

RIGHT TO DEMAND POLLS

One of the important subjects under discussion in the House deals with the right of demanding polls. The leader of the House, Mr. Dayabhai Patel, has moved a resolution requesting the Law Revenue and General Purposes Committee to suggest suitable amendments to the City of Bombay Municipal Act so as to prevent excessive use of that right. The subsection of the Act which confers this right, lays down the procedure to be followed by the Mayor on the demand of a poll by four Councillors. It is to appoint tellers and to divide the House. The Councillors then sign the paper and thus their names are recorded either in favour or against a proposition and form part of the minutes.

NOT CLEAR

From the speeches made so far on the proposition it is not very clear what exactly the Congress Party has in mind, in bringing this motion before the House. Dr. V. B. Gandhi who has spoken on the resolution suggested that all that is attempted is to change the present procedure. He specifically mentioned an alternate procedure according to which the presiding authority instead of appointing tellers may request the Councillors to rise in their seats and the names of persons thus voting for or against a proposition might be entered in the minutes. If this be the intention of the Congress Party, then there is no question of taking away the right of demanding a poll. Only the procedure would be simplified though it does not seem likely that much time will be saved by such simplification.

The Opposition group, on the other hand, view this move in conjunction with other resolutions brought up by the majority party, especially those dealing with restricting discussion on civic matters and curtailing the time for a mover of a resolution from twenty minutes to ten, and that of other speakers from ten minutes to five. The contention of the Socialist Party is that these restrictions, coupled with the practice of demanding closures on every resolution before it is fully discussed, clearly indicate the desire of the Majority to stifle the voice of Opposition. Their contention is that it is not possible to finish the business of the House during the four hours for which the Corporation normally meets every week.

In this connection, Mr. M. Harris quoted some interesting figures to show how both official and non-official business had increased considerably during the last few years. According to him in the year 1935-36 the official items discussed were 531, non-official 374 and urgent business items 166, the total for the year being 1071. Ten years later the position was nearly the same the figures for 1945-46 being

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

A Complication

The controversy whether the Jains should be counted among Hindus or as a separate community was accentuated by the Harijan Temple Entry Act and Beggars' Act passed by the State of Bombay. As an offshoot thereof, a memorandum was submitted to the Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru recently by a deputation obviously representing the conservative view-point; and Pandit Nehru is reported to have assured the deputationists that the Government of India regarded the Jains as a distinct religious community although they had many things in common with Hindus. There is evidence to show that the controversy, to start with, is within the rank of the Jain community. The claim of the deputationists to convey, to the Government, the representative opinion of the community has been questioned by the sections holding different views. There was also a proposal to hold a convention of Jains in order to ascertain their views and to submit the decisions arrived at in the convention to the Government. In the light of this, it seems to be rather intriguing why the deputationists should have rushed to the Government with a memorandum if the latter did not have behind it the sanction of the responsible sections of the community. At present the Government's role, we feel, should be to watch the developments of the controversy. So long as it does not get to know the representative opinion of the community, it should not go in for any commitment or assurance which might lead to unnecessary complications.

Blockade Again

The Russians are at it again in Berlin. Though it is not a full scale blockade like the last year's it is equally irritating. They are slowing down road and railway convoys, which carry vital supplies to the Western Sector of Berlin. It may be recalled that the Russians control the highways, railways and canal routes to Berlin, 100 miles within the Soviet zone of Germany. Soviet guards are holding up a truck or a train at random for checking up. Even if a word is spelt wrongly in permits trucks and trains are held up. This results in blocking of roads and railway lines and slows down all traffic from and to the German capital. The Western Allies have already protested to the Russian Sector Commandant for interfering with the free flow of road and rail transport between Berlin and thus violating the Paris Agreement by which the Berlin Airlift came to an end last year. The Soviet action has not come as a surprise to the Western Allies, who are prepared for such a contingency. Though the last Russian blockade ended on May 11, 1949, the Allies had continued the airlift for four months more to build up an emergency supply stockpile. They have, also, plans for restarting the airlift at a moment's notice. Transport planes and supply units, including trucks and warehouses, are ready for the job. So the U. S. State Department announcement that they were contemplating reintroduction of the airlift, is not an empty boast. But it is doubtful whether Soviet Russia will enforce a complete blockade. The continuous roar of supply planes over Berlin will be a constant reminder of the existence of the Western Powers to the Germans in the Soviet occupied territory. Also it will be a blow to the Soviet prestige if the Allies make the Russian blockade again inefective. So it is likely that they will indulge only in slowdown tactics, which irritate the Allies. But what do the Russians gain by it? It may be, as the "New York Times" puts it that "the Russians are needling the United States, attempting to confuse it and throw it off balance, wherever in the world the West is having trouble." This demonstration of the ability to put a spoke in the wheel of the Allies may also be due to the desire of Moscow to warn any disgruntled Communists that they stand no chance of organising any opposition and to demonstrate the inability of the West to come to their aid. Anyway one cannot accuse Russia of making the international scene dull. You can always count on them to provide a diversion for the democracies. If this galvanises democracies, whose natural tendency is for status quo, into some action for positive peace, then it would be a blessing in disguise.

B. E. S. T. Workers

Though the grievances of the travelling public against the B.E.S.T. workers cannot be used as a set-off to the grievances of the workers themselves, it is good that the Socialist resolution in the Municipality was taken advantage of to ventilate passengers' grievances. The position is really quite intolerable and, unless something is done to organise the bus staff, one of these days there is going to be serious trouble. Any excuse from the thirst of a conductor who detains a bus whilst he dashes in to a wayside restaurant, to the semi-legitimate need of those who change duties serves as a reason for digressions from the strict duty of men on the job. Half the trouble arises, it would seem, from lack of adequate supervision, most of the drivers and conductors being left very much to their own devices. Why should not there be supervisory staff to see that at the starting and changing places there is some semblance of discipline and order? That would go a long way to raising the tone of the B.E.S.T. staff even along the route. The passengers too can contribute much to travelling convenience if they practised a little of the courtesy which they wish to receive from the B.E.S.T. staff. There are regulations enforced in some European cities which might well be copied here: Particularly conducive to better manners will be the little boxes attached to buses into which passengers drop their tickets as they get out, and the fines which are levied on the spot, on those who descend or ascend a bus away from the recognized bus-stops.

The Scientist's Task

Professor J. D. Bernal, the famous scientist and vice-president of the World Peace Congress has in a speech at Bombay called on scientists to stop "the criminal nonsense" of developing destructive weapons. Dr. Bernal believes that the Soviet Government is interested in the peaceful work of science and contrasts it with the war mentality of the U. S. Government and U. S. capitalists who are working against the interests of the American people. Dr. Bernal is right in asserting that the people the world over are interested in peace and that they would far rather have concrete peace discussions now than after another and fiercer world war. But the main obsacle to peace is the assumption on both sides of the controversy that one side is devoted to war and the other to peace. There is on foot in America today a movement to organise scientists of all nations for peace and it demands from those who participate in it a pledge to eschew destructive research. There is no such organisation in Soviet Russia, nor is it possible that it would be countenanced. If we are wrong in this assumption, we would gladly be corrected but it would have to be supported by something more convincing than mere assertions. It might be argued that the Soviet Union is so obviously on the side of peace that such an organisation is not necessary and is in fact an impertinence; but this argument will only convince the converted. The assertion of Soviet Russia's peaceful intention is in the context of recent developments in scientific research very important and, if it can be authoritatively and convincingly sustained, it will be a contribution to world peace. The American resolve to develop the hydrogen bomb and the announcement that it will take some months to produce it, makes it very likely that Soviet Russia will precipitate matters immediately rather than delay till the end of the year when she will be for the time at a terrific disadvantage.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Import Licence

The discriminate and injudicious manner in which Import Licences are dealt out to private induviduals and obscure firms who have no status, whose resources are limited and who are ignoramus as to the technicalities of Diesel engines is a vexed subject of public criticism and indignation, and it is a matter of surprise that the Government has so far taken no steps to justify its attitude. Import Licences to any amount are granted to these firms, whilst they are denied to well established firms of long standing who have been in the Diesel engines and machinery business for years doing them great injustice and harm. The result is that the firms to whom import Licences are granted for a consideration, when they find that they have eaten more than they can chew put out to sale the surplus Licences to firms who are in need of them, covering themselves with 5 per cent. as their profit. Firms who hold no such licences, import Diesel Engines on the licence of other firms. These are tactics which deserve to be condemned and it is earnestly hoped that the Government will take early and effective measures to put them down and stop the import of Diesel Engines on other firms' licences. It will be doing an act of justice to bonafide indent firms, belated though it be.

—D. B. PAREKH.

Juvenile Smoking

It is highly regrettable that the habit of smoking by juveniles has not yet been discouraged. It is painful to see small children smoking which affects their health. The only way to eradicate this long-standing evil would be to show films depicting the adverse effects of smoking on small children and thereby doing a considerable good in this direction.

—DIWANI C. ADWANI.

S.S.C. Centre For Dharwar

Under the Karnatak University Act students of Karntak have this year the option to appear either for Bombay or Karnatak University Examinations. But there will be no Centre at Dharwar, I understand reliably, for those who take Bombay University examinations. This makes it very hard for the students to benefit by the option. Whoever may be responsible for this state of affairs, it has the effect of coercing poor students to take the Karnatak University examinations or spend money on journeys to and from Bombay. Why should the Bombay University not have a centre at Dharwar for its examinations this year?

—INTERESTED

Why Retrench?

Due to the financial stringency, the Government has decided to make economy in the budget and so the higher authorities have decided to retrench a good number of clerical and drawing establishment including peons, without considering their academical career and practical experience since 1939 (war days), just when lacs and lacs have been spent throughout Indian Union at teh Inauguration ceremony of the Republic with great pomp and show. It does not rquire much acumen to understand that the colossal expansions of the various departments required to meet the war exigencies cannot be left undisturbed in peace time too, but no civilised Government can deny food and shelter to the citizens of the country; as it is out birthright to get employment under the National Government.

C.P.W.D. authorities (W.M.P. Ministry) should find ways to absorb the retrenched staff in other departments where vacancies are being filled by recruiting new staff.

For the sake of justice and fairplay, it is requested that an 'Uniform Policy' should be followed in the Department and no Zonal consideration should be made in the C.P.W.D. organization as can be verified from the clause that a man is to serve in any part of India, where there is a Central P.W.D. organization.

Further the non-Muslim staff of Pakistan who opted for India for the Indian Dominion are now being thrown out of their jobs by the Government at this stage, due to unsympathetic policy of the Government.

I appeal to our National Government that these retrenched staff are helped by withdrawing notices and absorbing them in other departments. I suggest the following alternatives measures of economy:—

Annual increment to staff of all cadres be stopped for coming three years.

Tour programme of high officers be suspended till the financial stringency is removed.

A National Tax be levied on the rich and a cut of 25 per cent. and reduction in officers of Class I and II be imposed.

A certain percentage of cut in the allowance to the Parliamentary Members be made with immediate effect.

—MUL RAJ SHARMA.

Profiteering In Fish

It is a common knowledge that the vendors of fresh fish are making profits of over 300 per cent. As fresh fish forms part of a mill-hand's daily dish, the money which he earns evaporates

It is, therefore, high time that the Government should move in the matter without any further delay and fix the prices of big fresh fish at reasonable rates.

I have not the least hesitation to say that the big fish is now available in abundant quantity and as such the same should be controlled by the Government.

—H. C. PARALKAR.

Charitable Funds And Sindhi Refugees

Sindhis have presented a purse of the lakh rupees to Sadhu Vaswani on the auspicious occasion of his seventieth Birthday, for charitable purposes. It is respectfully suggested that all the resources and energies of Sadhuji be concentrated on meeting the most urgent and primary needs of the displaced staying in the camps at this critical hour in the history of their lives, namely food for the starving and facilities for shelter and rehabilitation If however, earmarked donations for Medical Relief and Education have been received, let the same be utilised for giving aid to those who are suffering for want of medical aid and giving fees to those students who cannot afford to join schools and colleges

Will the diversion of attention and resources on opeing a dispensary or a school at Poona, be in the best interest of Sindhis at large? Poona already has several charitable dispensaries and many good schools, which are meeting the needs of the displaced. Why not then utilise public funds for better purposes?

—C. K. MANSUKHANI.

Outcome Of Colombo Conference

LONDON, Feb. 3 (UPI) The first proposal arising out of the recent Colombo Conference is the possibility of reduction in the wheat price to enable India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Burma and other South-East Asiatic countries to buy wheat surplus from Australia and Canada, it is learnt.

The policy of the United States in forcing wheat prices is understood to have lately come in for good deal of criticism.

One suggested solution is a wheat clearing plan whereby the surpluses available might be sold to these countries at cut prices to help them fight under-nourishment and combat communism.

It is learnt that an initiative is now awaited from Australia which would be most affected by any drop in the world price of wheat. Yet, while the Australians are interested in a high price for grain they are reported to have realised that they must make a contribution to the problems of South East Asia.

Mr. Shah To Be Frontier Province Governor

KARACHI, Feb. 3 (PTI): The Civil and Military Gazette of Karachi stated today that Col. A. S. B. Shah, present Secretary, Ministry of States and Frontier Regions, had been selected for the post of Governorship of the Frontier Province.

He would also act as Agent to the Governor-General for tribal areas.

HUBLI TEXTILE MILL TO RE-START

HUBLI, Feb. 3 (PTI): The K. C Spinning and Weaving Mills, Gadag, which was closed since September 49 last will be restarted by the end of March it is learnt.

The mill employs about 1,200 workers.

OPEN AIR

It seemed to be a day of snake adventures in Talegaon, when we were there last. In the morning a full snake-skin was found just outside the house, and then, in the afternoon, there was such a gathering of all the birds in a lantana bush just opposite my window that we knew there must be a snake there, although we were unable to see it. First came the tiny sunbirds, chattering and chirping as they hovered near the bush on swiftly beating wings. The tailor-birds added their shrill calls to chorus and three or four bulbuls joined in the excitement while an Indian tit flew down to see what it was all about. In a nearby bush a Shrike scolded vociferously, while a couple of orioles, a bush chat and some bee-eaters watched more quietly. Then came a pair of mynahs, to stride importantly about the scene, and two or three King Crows came to add their quota of advice! Never have I seen so many different birds all gathered together in one place At last the excitement abated, for the snake apparently disappeared in the grass feeling that with so much excitement there was little chance of making a catch. Later in the evening, when the birds had gone to roost, a green tree-snake, probably the author of the afternoon's excitement, appeared in the mulberry tree, and was still there the following morning until the Sunbirds again discovered its presence and by their excited twittering again gathered an army of birds to drive it away

—D. R.

MADRAS ASKS FOR 'SOME MORE'

Difficulty To Meet Ration Commitments

MADRAS, Feburary 3, (PTI).

THE Madras Government have requested the Government of India for increase in the food grain allotment to the State from 3,00,000 tons to 6,00,000 tons to enable them to meet the present rationing commitments.

The Government have sent a detailed communication to the Central Government showing the actual food position in the State.

The question of adjustment of the present rationing commitment either by confining rationing to urban areas or by introducing a cut in the prescent rate of rationing will be considered by the Government after receipt of a reply from the Government of India.

The State Food Advisory Council is meeting here on February 8, to consider the "serious situation" in the State caused by the failure of the monsoon.

IN U.P.

LUCKNOW: Mr. Chandra Bhan Gupta, Minister for Civil Supplies, Uttar Pradesh, today said that the State Government was considering the desirability of procuring the rabi foodgrains in 1950 through "monopoly procurement" with the aid of traders.

The procurement of rabi foodgrains in the last year was done by the method of direct procurement.

SIRHIND ACCIDENT

Public Enquiry Over

AMBALA, Feb. 3 (P.T.I.): Mr. R. C. Sood, Government Inspector of Railways, concluded the public enquiry at Sirhind into the collision of the 27 Up Kashmir Mail with goods wagons at Sirhind on January 29.

Two more person succumbed to their injuries in hospital bringing the total number of killed in the accident to 67.

During his three-day enquiry, Mr. Sood recorded the evidence of about 24 persons including engineers, the guard and firemen of the ill-fated train.

The statement of the driver of the train could not be taken as he is not yet in a fit state to give evidence, Mr. Sood will submit his report after he had taken his statement.

Before returning to Calcutta at night Mr. Sood visited the local civil and military hospitals and saw the injured persons.

PRESIDENT'S SYMPATHY

NEW DELHI: President Dr. Rajendra Prasad and the Minister of Transport and Railways, Mr. N. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar, have sent messages to the General Manager, O. T. Railway, expressing their sympathy with the suffered and the families of the dead in the Munderwa train accident on February 2.

Dr. Prasad said: "The President of India is deeply distressed at the news of the accident to 4 Down Kanpur passenger and 1 Up Lucknow Express at Munderwa on the morning of February 2, and desires that his most sincere sympathy be conveyed to the sufferers and the families of the dead".

Protection For Motors

NEW DELHI, Feb. 3 (P.T.I.): The Government of India have accepted the Tariff Board's recommendation to continue the protective duty to electric motors industry up to March 31, 1953, the Commerce Ministry announced today.

Stop Press

PAKISTAN PROTESTS

KARACHI, Feb. 3 (PTI).—The Pakistan Government has protested to the Government of India for not releasing coal, though, it said, substantial quantities of held-up jute have been released by Pakistan, it was learned here today. Radio Pakistan reported today that Pakistan had already released four lakh maunds of raw jute.

POLAND AND HO

LONDON, Feb. 3 (PTI-Reuter).—Moscow Radio reported tonight that Poland had decided to establish diplomatic relations with the Ho Chi-minh Government of Indo-China.

WITH THE BOYS

NEW DELHI, Feb. 3.—The staff of all grades in Government House today met President Prasad in the Staff Recreation Club where he was entertained to a musical function organised by them. The President acknowledged the greetings and had a word with each of the employees.

SHOLAPUR MILLS

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employment in the State stood at 34,928 as against the figure of 37,900 on December 16, 1949. The total and partial closures today were 14 and 13 mills respectively, out of a total of 209 textile mills all over the province, employing 2,66,000 in the city alone. The total number of Mills in India, he said, was 422.

When it was pointed out to the Minister that there did not appear to be any marked improvement in the textile employment situation, he said that the improvement lay in the fact that a batch of 22 mills which had given notice of closure, partial or complete had not put such notices into operation, though the deadlines had lapsed.

An important reason for this was that the restrictions on the free flow of cotton into the State from other centres did not exist any longer and there was considerable improvement in the position with regard to the supply of cotton to textile mills.

REPORTS

Besides, Government had set up a departmental machinery which compiled reports on why certain mills had closed, with a view to persuading the owners of such mills to restarting them, if there were no adequate reasons for such closures. The main reasons for closures and threatened closures, were cotton shortage, stock accumulation, financial difficulties and out-dated and effete plants. He said that the machinery in certain mills was so outdated, that but for the intervention of the war, such machinery would never have been put to use, and would have been on the scrap heap long ago. The war had "oxygenated" the life of the scrap.

QUITE OLD

He said that, compared to American standards, the Bombay and Ahmedabad mill machinery was quite old, but much of it could be renovated and worked. The quality of the machinery naturally affected efficiency and production.

He said that among the present closures two mills, the H. M. Mills and the Anand Mills at Ahmedabad, had been closed on account of cotton shortages.

The Minister stated that roughly the loss in production worked out at 60 yards per unemployed weaver per day. Since one-third of the total textile unemployment in the State consisted of weavers, the loss per day in production worked at six to seven lakh yards.

Turning to the question of the two-crore loan expected from the Government of India in order to help the State Government in its housing programme, the Minister said that the Government had not received any definite reply, but from the Union Government's attitude, it was feared that the money might not be forthcoming. But, the State Government, would press for this amount, as commitments had already been undertaken and lands purchased in anticipation. Since the money had already been spent, Government was asking the Union to expedite the loan.

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON MARCH

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.

Previous Closing	31.30
Today's Opening	31.27
Difference	—3
Today's Closing	31.30
Difference	Nil

LAST QUOTATIONS

BOMBAY, Feb. 3.

	Rs.	as.
Silver Forward	182	4
Gold Forward	116	0
Silver Bullion	181	10
Silver Mint	181	12
Gold Ready	116	4
Sovereign	75	8

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.

Stock Exchange opening prices:—Anaconda Copper Mining dol. 29-7/8.

General Motors unquoted.

U. S. Steel Common dol. 30.

Preference unquoted.

Karachi Cotton Market

(From Our Correspondent).

KARACHI, Feb. 3.

Cotton market steady but quiet:—Yesterday's business 2500. Arrivals from upcountry 8725. Exports Nil. Total exports since commencement of season total 312370 bales of which 125000 for European ports, 54000 for Russia and 55000 for Hongkong and China.

Cottonseeds steady on better trade demand. Gold easier.

RUNING RATES: Cotton NT Rollers 72/8, Punjab 289, F 75, Four F 71/8, Cottonseeds Ready 5/9, March 5/8

Gold 96/12.

STOCK EXCHANGE: Habib Bank 195, Habib Insurance 69, Orient Airways Ordinary 3/4, Three per cent 1960 Loan 102/6.

NEWS BRIEFS

INDIANS IN RHODESIA: Mr. C. L. Patel, Representative of Northern Rhodesia Indian Congress and also Member of the Associated Indian Chamber of Commerce, Rhodesia, had an interview on Friday afternoon with Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, in the course of which he gave a graphic account of the social and educational disabilities from which Indians were suffering there at present.

HUNGER-STRIKE CALLED OFF: Due to the efforts of Mr. Nirapada Mukherjee, Parliamentary Secretary, Bihar Government, the hunger-strike in the local camp jail by about six Communist security prisoners was called off unconditionally. The prisoners have been on hunger-strike since January 9 last.

CONFERENCE: Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, Prime Minister, Jammu and Kashmir, has agreed to inaugurate the 44th session of the Tamilnad Political Conference at Congress Exhibition grounds, Teynampet, on February 11 at 6 p.m. Sheikh Abdullah is expected to arrive in Madras on February 10.

PAKISTANI ARRESTED: Mr. Mamtaz Ali stated to be an officer of Pakistan, has been arrested at Hailakandi. It is learnt that Mr. Mamtaz Ali served under the Assam Government before the Partition and later opted for Pakistan.

REFUGEE CHIEF WARNS: Dr. Choithram Gidwani, President of the All India Refugee Association, said in Nagpur today that it was high time that the Congress Governments, Congressmen, the people and the Press should take up the refugee problem with courage and in right earnest and endeavour to solve it as early as possible in a proper way. If this was not done, he said, he was afraid the desperate persons would die of moral or physical death.

POSTAL INFORMATION: Air mail service to Lebanon, Syria and Transjordan has been resumed, the rate of postage including air mail fee being 10 as. for half an oz. letters and packets and 4 as. for post cards. Air letter service is available only for Transjordan for 6 as. Registered articles can be despatched by air to these countries but not insured ones or parcels.

GERMAN LOSS: A large Chinese Communist Government order for steel rails worth five million dollars for Tientsin area has been lost by West German firms which had applied for permission to the Allied Control but were refused the same.

Germans are now bitterly accusing Britain of wanting to stifle German competition, but Britain's claim that the refusal was based on Tripartite decision mainly at the insistance of the American High Commission in Germany.

MADRAS REACTION: Mr. B. Gopala Reddi, Finance Minister, said that under the Deshmukh Award, Madras would be losing round about Rs. 20,00,000 from their income-tax share.

RESEARCH BODIES: Class one Indian Railways are to have independent fuel control and research organisations, in accordance with the recommendations of the Indian Railway Fuel Committee.

VOICE OF MARX IN TIBET

LONDON, Feb. 3.

DOROTHY WOODMAN, writing in the left-wing weekly review "New Statesman and Nation", on "History reaches Tibet", said today that the voice of Marx had already been heard above the chanting of the Lamas.

"One of them, Pandit Rahula, visited Moscow in 1947, returned with a Russian wife, and was jailed for some time for his pro-Communist propaganda.

"The vast ferment of Chinese Communism is already at work in the eastern provinces and the fantastic social and economic structer of Lhasa and outer Tibet can have little power to resist its onslaught however, convenient to the West the survival of this feudal theocracy might be," she declared.

INDO-PAKISTAN RELATIONS

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cieven miles from the Pakistan border, is virtually blockaded now and all paths leading to it are being strictly guarded by Ansars. Kamalpur's line of communication is through the Bhanugachh Railway station and thus stands isolated from the rest of the State territory.

People coming from and entering into Kamalpur are being subjected to humiliating treatment. They are often deprived of their belongings. Even women are reported to be searched by the Ansars.

TRADE DEADLOCK

Following the Pakistan Finance Minister's visit to Delhi last week, there has been some exchange of notes between the two Governments on the inter-Dominion trade deadlock, it is learned. This exchange of views is said to be of an exploratory character and it is considered possible that there might be a meeting on secretariat level at the first instance to be followed by a conference on ministerial level.

Meanwhile, the release of Indian jute held up in Pakistan is said to be slow and deliveries are not as expeditious as they should be.

There have been informal approaches to the Indian Government to resume coal traffic to Pakistan, but the attitude of India is said to be the same as explained by the Commerce Minister to the Parliament in December last. Arrivals of coal from Poland, Britain and France are said to be disappointingly meagre and the price of coal purchased by Pakistan exclusive of unloading charges and internal distribution costs, is three times higher than the price of Indian coal.

SLOW MOVEMENT

CALCUTTA: Mr. N. M. Aiyar, Chairman of the Calcutta Port Trust, said here today that two flats carrying jute from Eastern Pakistan were expected within a day or two, according to a communication he had received from the Pakistan Jute Board.

Mr. Aiyar said that about 200 broad gauge wagons containing jute from different places of Indian Union arrived in Calcutta through EIR, BNR, and OT. Railway systems during the week ending January 28. He characterised as "false" a report that there was shortage of raw jute.

It is reported that some of the jute mills in Calcutta are now utilising the himli jute fibre of Madras. In response to the request made by the mill authorities, the BN Railway moved over its east coast section a total of 2,402 wagons of himli jute fibre to the Calcutta area from its stations in Madras during the period from December 1, 1949, to January 20 this year.

BENGAL CONFERENCE: The next conference of the Chief Secretaries of West Bengal and East Bengal will be held at Dacca from February 9 to 11.

Besides matters outstanding from the last conference held at Darjeeling in November last, the Conference is also likely to discuss the recent incidents at Batgerhat and certain other parts of East Pakistan, which led to evacuation of a large number of Hindus to West Bengal.

COAL SHORTAGE: The acute coal shortage in Eastern Pakistan has resulted in further curtailment in steamer services there.

DUTCH ELEMENTS IN INDONESIA ACCUSED

KARACHI, Feb. 3 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Dr. Mohammed Rum, Indonesian High Commissioner-Designate to the Netherlands, today accused "certain Dutch elements in Indonesia" of aiding former Dutch Commando Captain "Turco" Westerling in his revolt. Their action, he said, was aimed at "discrediting the Republican Government in the eyes of the outside world".

Dr. Rum made this statement at Karachi airport where he stopped on his way to The Hague.

He added that the rebellion had now been brought completely under control and "the situation is far from dangerous".

PETROL COUPONS IN DANGS DISTRICT: According to a fresh order issued by the Collector of Dangs, no coupon, receipt, or special receipt, issued under the Motor Spirit Rationing Order, will be valid in that district up to February 28, 1950, unless the same is endorsed by him.

Special Powers To Deal With Anti-Social Elements

BILL IN WEST BENGAL ASSEMBLY: GOVERNOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

CALCUTTA, Feb. 3, (PTI).

DR. KAILASH NATH KATJU, Governor of West Bengal, today told the members of the State Assembly that his Government had been forced to take recourse to certain special powers to meet the activities of anti-social elements in the State. A bill providing for these powers would be laid before the members for their approval, he said.

The Governor was inaugurating the budget session of the Assembly. He drove in state to deliver the address

Dr. Katju said that his Government had been forced with the greatest reluctance to take recourse to these special powers which they would now be invited to approve. He assured the members that these powers "will be used only to the extent consistent with the security of the State."

The Governor said that a number of allied measures for the speedy trial of some offences would also be placed before them. He added: "It cannot be overlooked, however, that legislation alone will be of little avail unless the people, by appreciating the nature of the problems before the country, cooperate with the Government in the administration of the laws."

HISTORIC

Earlier, Dr. Katju said: "This Assembly meeting today will go down in the history of this Legislature as its first session in a sovereign democratic Republic. It is fitting that we should give our humble and solemn thanks to God by whose grace we have reached the glorious end of the historic progress of our country to complete independence.

"The deep significance to world history of India's inauguration as a Republic should not be missed. The Indian Republic forms a symbol of Asian unity, a unity which may have an everlasting influence in preventing conflicts and world wars. The Indian Republic will ever strive for peace, self-determination and social justice."

Supply Will Lag Behind Demand

U.S. COTTON COUNCIL FORECAST

WASHINGTON, Feb 3, (UPI): World's cotton production will lag behind demand for possibly the next 25 years, according to estimates of the United States National Cotton Council, quoted by a U.S.I.S. report today.

The Council also said there is a strong probability that American consumption will increase during 1950."

U.N. COMMISSION IN ERITREA

ASMARA, (Eritrea), Feb. 3 (PTI).—An advance party of the United Nations Commission to study the wishes of Italy's former East African Colony arrived here today.

The main body is expected on February 7

The Commission is to submit a report and proposals for the future of Eritrea by June 15, after ascertaining the wishes of Eritrea's inhabitants and the best means of promoting their welfare.

RAILWAY WORKERS' GRIEVANCES

Jayaprakash Sets Final Date For Settlement

LUCKNOW, February 3. (PTI).

MR. JAYAPRAKASH NARAYAN, the Socialist leader announced at a crowded-meeting of railway workers here today that the All India Railwaymen's federation meeting in Lucknow had fixed May 31 next as the final date for a settlement of the outstanding issues before the Railway Advisory Committee "after which the workers will decide their own course of action."

He called upon railway workers to prepare for a show down with the administrators in vindicating their just demands which have not been met since the strike ballot taken in January 1949.

"We do not want to disturb the present situation in the country but at the same time, we cannot wait for an indefinite period", he declared

Referring to the strike notice of the Rajasthan Railway workers, he said that if the negotiations between Mr. Guruswamy and the Ministry of Railways and States Ministry failed, there might be a strike in Rajasthan Railways and Mysore and Baroda might join them. He appealed to the workers for financial help for conducting the strike.

Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan urged the railway workers to observe February 28 as a Protest Day against the Government-sponsored I. N. T. U. C. Unions which, according to him, would disrupt the working of the Federation.

NO MORE PROTECTION TO STEEL BELT LACING INDUSTRY

Tariff Board Suggestion To Be Enforced From April

NEW DELHI, FFeb. 3, (PTI)

THE GOVERNMENT of INDIA have accepted the Tariff Board's recommendations to discontinue the existing protective duty on steel belt lacing after March 31, 1950, the Ministry of Commerce announced today.

The Tariff Board felt there was enough potential capacity in the Steel Belt Lacing Industry to meet the entire requirements of the country, but that it was lying idle for want of adequate supply of raw material.

The Board observes: "If an adequate supply of imported cold rolled bright steel is ensured, the Indian manufacturer should be able to produce steel belt lacing comparable in quality to imported varieties."

OTHER FACTORS

Indigenous steel belt lacing is cheaper than imported varieties of comparable quality in the Indian market: estimated fair selling price of the indigenous product is two to three times lower than the landed cost without duty of the imported varieties which have been taken by the Board for cost investigation.

The Board, taking into consideration the existing ban on imports of steel belt lacing, says: "So long as this ban continues, the indigenous industry is virtually protected from foreign imports"

Discontinuance of protection is recommended in view of the ban on imports and the price of the indigenous product.

There are four steel belt lacing manufacturing factories in the country with a rated capacity of 318,000 boxes per annum. Consumption is estimated at 182,000 boxes per annum.

Report On State Trading

BODY TO SUBMIT BY MARCH

NEW DELHI, Feb. 3, (PTI).

THE Committee on State Trading appointed by the Government of India, which has been meeting here since January 21, will submit its report by the middle of March, it is learnt.

The Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Punjabrao Deshmukh, M.P., has, during its present session, interviewed several witnesses, including businessmen, officials and Members of Parliament.

Mr. D. R. Sethi, Agricultural Production Commissioner, dealt with Government's purchase of tractors, while Dr. T. G. Shirname, Agricultural Marketing Adviser, discussed the feasibility of State trading in selected primary commodities.

Prof N. G. Ranga did not wish State trading to be acceppted straightway as a general policy, but suggested that an experiment be made with a few selected commodities where there was a big margin between local and world prices, and distinct advaitages were to be gained from a pooling of orders.

Mr. D. W. Mandpe, Secretary of the Nagpur Chamber of Commerce, was strongly in favour of State trading and suggested that an early start should be made in order to obtain for the benefit of the public Exchequer a part of the profits of private traders and to remove the anomalies involved in the present system of controls.

Pandit L. K. Maitra who met the Committee on February 2 recognised the need for State trading as a possible means of relieving the strain on the Government Exchequer at a time when all possible sources of revenue had been exhausted, and of so regulating imports and exports as to achieve an active trade balance. At the same time, he referred to "evils" to which control had given rise and consequent anxiety to see the normal channels of trade restored as soon as possible.

SEVERAL ARRESTS IN ALLAHABAD

Alleged "Agitators"

(From Our Correspondent)

ALLAHABAD, Feb 3.

The police today made numerous arrests here of alleged agitators and others. They were swooped down upon and whisked away to court lock-ups in lorries. All along the way and inside the court premises, the prisoners raised Socialist Party slogans and cried for bread and clothes. Crowds began to collect the watch the demonstration.

Magistrates at work in the court were taken aback at the demonstration and the wild shouts o f Inquilab Zindabad. One Magistrate who was upset by this disturbance iocrundly remarked, "They might be sent to jail for six months without trial."

Sudan To Import Indian Grey Cotton

BOMBAY, Friday.

Information has now been received that the Government of Sudan expect that their present stocks of grey cotton piecegoods will last till about the end of May 1950 after which date they intend resuming issue of licences for the importation of Indian greys in general, it is announced by the Deputy Chief Controller of Exports, Bombay.

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SAW-DUST SCRAPWOOD and WASTEWOOD

Under a Firewood Producer's Licence, a producer of saw-dust, scrapwood and wastewood cannot sell his material to a retailer, but only to wholesalers and consumers at the site of production.

As there are no wholesalers dealing in saw-dust, scrapwood and wastewood, Government has issued an Order under clause 31 of the Bombay Charcoal and Firewood Trade Licensing Order, 1949, permitting the producers in saw-dust, scrapwood and wastewood to sell directly to the retailers.

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COAL AND COKE

Consumers of Coal and Coke in Greater Bombay who have already been granted local permits by the Provincial Coal Controller are entitled to draw the following percentage of quotas against those permits from the local dealers during the month of February, 1950.

Steam Coal	100%
By-product (Foundry) Coke	50%
Beehive (Deshi Bhatta) Coke for industrial use only	100%
Soft Coke	100%

Consumers desirous of purchasing Steam Coal or Soft Coke may apply to the Provincial Coal Controller, No. 10 Queen's Barracks, Cooperage, Bombay, for the same.

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REVISED RATION QUANTUM

Foodgrains ration quantum for the 6th Rationing Week of 1950 commencing from Sunday, February 5, 1950 to Saturday, February 11, 1950, has been fixed as follows:—

Total Cereal Ration Per Week	Per Adult (2 Foodgrains Units)	Per Child (1 Foodgrains Unit).	Per Heavy Manual Labourer's Supplementary Ration Card of One Unit.
Total Cereal Ration Per Week	24 ozs.	12 ozs.	2 ozs.
Maximum available in Rice Or which —	24 ozs.	12 ozs.	6 ozs.
(a) Raw Rice Sort I-A or (b) Raw Rice Sort II	12 ozs.	6 ozs.	Nil
or (c) Raw Rice Sort I ...	24 ozs.	12 ozs.	6 ozs.
or (d) Boiled Rice Sort I-A (if available)	12 ozs.	6 ozs.	Nil
Maximum available in Bajri	12 ozs.	6 ozs.	6 ozs.
Maximum available in Wheat* Of which —	40 ozs.	20 ozs.	12 ozs.
(a) Maximum available in Wheatgrain	40 ozs.	20 ozs.	12 ozs.
(b) Maximum available in Wheatflour (if available)	40 ozs.	20 ozs.	12 ozs.
(c) Additional Wheatgrain or Wheatflour available in exchange for Rice quantum.	24 ozs.	12 ozs.	6 ozs.
Maximum available in Dehusked Barley.	8 ozs.	4 ozs.	4 ozs.

(16 ozs. make one lb.)

* Bread Tickets can be obtained within the permissible quantity of wheat available in the ration quantum at the rate of one Bread Unit for 28 ozs. of wheat ration. One Bread Unit is equivalent to 28 ozs. of Bread.

Bread is only available on Bread Tickets during the week marked on the tickets and upto Saturday of the following week.

As a measure to reduce consumption of Rice, cardholders are allowed to draw their rice quota wholly or in part in wheatgrain or wheatflour (if available). The combined Rice-Wheat quota should not exceed 64 ozs. of which only 24 ozs. will be available in Rice

SUGAR

The quantum of Sugar for the 6th Rationing Week will be 8 ozs. per ration card

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Direction: SUBODH MITRA
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AURORA
Daily at 3-30, 6-30 & 9-30 P.M.
Surging Action....Wild Adventure in the Untamed Desert!

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TOMORROW MORNING AT 10-30
"Home Of The Brave"
The Motion Picture Masterpiece on Racial Intolerance!

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GRIPS the HEART STIRS the Imagination
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3, 6-15, 9-30 Sun. 12 Noon
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INDIAN SCREEN

Bharatidevi and Ashit Baran in "Manzoor."

New Theatres' New Achievement

"MANZOOR" A PURPOSEFUL MUSICAL DRAMA

In war and in peace ailing wounded humanity looks forward for help and consolation to one special community, the community of Doctors, Nurses, Physicians, and Surgeons—a community known for humanitarian service throughout the world.

Around this glorious and noble band is woven the moving photoplay of New Theatres' newest achievement "MANZOOR", now running to packed houses at the local Minerva Talkies.

In "MANBOOR", New Theatres present a fine thought-provoking human drama, dwelling on the trials and tribulations of a nurse. Has a nurse a right to love and have a family? What is her place in society? All this has been skilfully woven into a very human drama by author, Benoy Chatterjee, and has been brought to life on the screen by director Subodh Mitra. The highlight of "Manzoor" is its lovely music specially composed by Punkaj Mullick.

AGHA JAN'S ANOTHER HIT "DHOOM DHAM"

Popular comedian Agha Jan, who scored a personal triumph in "Nazare" and "Jio Raja" is returning to the screen in Shama Productions' sensational comedy thriller "Dhoom Dham" scheduled for release at Nishat Talkies on Friday the 17th.

Produced by Piare and directed by Raja Ram it recounts a thrilling story of two well-to-do educated youths in search of adventure. They undertake the task of finding a seth's daughter who has disappeared just at the time of her marriage. And the dangers they encounter provide suspenseful and hilarious entertainment.

Agha is excellently supported by Baburao, Leela Kumari, Urvashi Gridhari and Vasantrao.

GREAT SUCCESS FOR "EK THI LARKI"

Motilal and Meena make a wonderful pair in Roop K. Shorey's "Ek Thi Larki" which is proving delightful fare at the Kamal, Palace and Paradise cinemas. The film is pure comedy from beginning to end, and the main actors put over their characterisations with a fine sense of timing, so that the audience is in a hilarious mood practically throughout the film. Meena in particular, gives a pert and attractive performance that establishes her as a first rank comedienne. Music, wit, laugh-provoking dialogues — this picture has them all, and it may safely be predicted that this laugh riot will please everyone that sees it.

ARRAY OF TALENTS IN "PATANGA"

In orthodox Hindu society to have a daughter is a handicap: men pray they may have a son so that they may be spared the problem of marrying them off when they come of age. Poor Chaudhary has six times as many troubles as most men, for his six daughters are six times as mischievous as most girls.

Th matrimonial adventures of the daughters and the heroic achievements of an only son provide plenty of ribtickling humour in Varma Films' "Patanga", which is booked as the next change at the Lamington Talkies.

Quite an array of talent has been assembled for this picture, with Nigar, Shyam, Gope, Purnima, Randhir, Shyama and Cuckoo playing the chief roles. The film has been directed by H. S. Rawail, and has some piquant dialogues by Rajendra Krishna.

"RAKHI" IMMENSELY LIKED

Prakash's powerful dynamic tale "RAKHI" is immensely liked by the picturegoers of Bombay who throng to see it at the Lamington, where it is now running for the 15th week.

The story holds the audience's attention throughout, and the plot moves at a tremendous speed. This dramatic tension is reightened by powerful performances by Kamini Kaushal, Karan Diwan and Ulhas. As light relief, we have good performances by Gope and Yeshodhara Katju.

Nigar Sultana, Gope, Yakoob and Mohana in the musicomedy "Patanga."

"HAR HAR MAHADEV" SOARS TO A NEW HIGH

Proof of the popularity of the latest Jayant Desai mythological "Har Har Mahadev" is provided by the box-office returns, which have soared to a new high for the first week of the film's run in Bombay.

Produced on a spectacular scale fully in keeping with the nature of the events it portrays, "Har Har Mahadev" tells us the story of a woman who won the love of a god by her devotion and penance, and consequently antagoniseed a demon who swore vengeance on her and her young son. Needless to say, the god came to the rescue, and the demon met a richly deserved and suitably horrible death.

The chief roles in the film are played by Nirupa Roy and Trilok Kapoor, while Jeevan and Niranjan Sharma enrich the cast. Veteran character actress Durga Khote contributes a noteworthy portrayal and the incidents of the plot are enhanced by some suitably devotional music by Avinash Vyas.

Nirupa Roy in "Harahara Mahadeo".

"ARZOO" A TRIUMPH

Kamini Kaushal and Dilip Kumar, stars of innumerable dramatic and romantic triumphs of the recent past, have never been better than in their current offering "Arzoo", which is showing at the New West End and other city theatres. The principals have merged themselves so completely in their roles that they veritably live the parts.

The film is based on a powerful story of love that changes into bitter hatred, and wrecks two lives that could have been infinitely happy, but for the vagaries of a cruel fate. Kamini Kaushal is the essence feminity in the part of the star-crossed sweetheart, but the really powerful role of the unhappy lover is put over with consummate artistry by that fine actor Dilip Kumar.

Gope seems somewhat out of place in the picture; antics such as his have never yet won a maiden fair. This film can be recommended quite safely as a dramatic feast.

Production Of Raw Films

FACTORY TO BE SET UP IN MYSORE

BOMBAY, Friday.

THE first raw-film producing factory in India, under the joint management of an Indian and a Swiss firm will be shortly set up in a suitable place in the Mysore State, it is learnt here today.

The firm has received the sanction of the Government of India and the Mysore Government, it is understood, will contribute an amount not less than 10 lakhs of rupees in this joint venture.

India's present consumption of raw films, among the highest in the world, is not less than 160 million feet a year, of which about 100 million feet are imported annually from Britain and the rest mainly from Russian-occupied Germany.

FILM ENQUIRY BODY

Oral Examination To Be Started Soon

BOMBAY, Friday.

The five-man Film Enquiry Committee, with Mr. S. K. Patil as its Chairman, set up by the Government of India to investigate mainly into three aspects of the Film Industry, namely, the organisational side, the educational side and the production side and recommend thereon, will start its oral examination of witnesses very soon, it is learnt here today.

The Committee, which is meeting here now for a three-day session, has visited a number of Bombay studios and is expected to leave for either Calcutta or Madras next week for acquring first-hand information about the Industry in those places. The Committee will also visit later other centres of the Film Industry in the country.

A comprehensive questionnaire in two parts was issued by the Committee in December last and a large number of replies have already been received.

HYDERABAD (Dn.), Feb. 2. (PTI): The Hyderabad Government, it is learnt, have decided to separate the road transport department from the Nizam's state railway before the latter is integrated with the Indian railways net work from April this year.

Geeta Bali and Rehman in Prakash's "Shadi-ki-Raat"

SHADI-KI-RAAT FOR EARLY RELEASE

Prakash makes a bold bid in the entertainment field with a humorous skit in their latest film "Shadi-ki-Raat" which is booked for immediate release at Super Talkies.

Love at first sight has furnished themes for poets from times immemorial. Prakash tackles this problem humorously in a picture that abounds in comic situations. Yeshwant Pethkar has shown what great potentialities he possesses as a director of comedies in his handling of these hilarious situations.

Geeta Bali, Rehman and Aroon play their roles to perfection. Newcomer Vijaya Laxmi's beautiful performance shows that she possesses a great and brilliant future.

Pandit Gobindram has composed sprightly music for the picture.

"GARIBI" NEXT AT LIBERTY

In contrast to their light musical "Nazdare", Ranjit have now given us a social drama of the poverty of the down-trodden middle classes. "Garibi", which will open at the Liberty next Friday, deals with the problem of want from the point of view of a woman who has to take up a career to supplement the family income. Coming into contact with the idle rich, the canker of cynicism enters her soul, and soon she finds herself disillusioned with life itself.

Geeta Bali is seen in the role of the heroine, while Jairaj plays opposite her. With a supporting cast that includes Nirupa Roy and Jawahar Kaul, "Garibi" has been directed with a great deal of realism by Ramchandra Thakur, while the music is written by Bulo C. Rani.

News-Bits From The U. S.

(Through U. S. I. S.)

A hydrogenation process for converting tar oil and coal into oil has been demonstrated in the United States. It is the first time that large quantities of oil have been produced in this way, reports the U.S. Bureau of Mines. The process changes a solid (coal) into a liquid (oil) by mixing powdered coal with tar and then subjecting it to several thousand pounds of pressure in a reaction chamber.

A seven-week test of the process was successfully conducted by the bureau at its coal-hydrogenation demonstration plant in the state of Missouri. The complex plant is designed to convert coal into some 200 to 300 barrels of liquid fuels a day.

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MILK FOR CHILDREN

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is shipping more than 100,000,000 pounds of milk to feed children in the Middle and Far East and in Europe. The milk will be distributed by the United Nations' International Children's Emergency Fund.

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Jackie Robinson, stellar second baseman for the Brooklyn Dodgers' baseball team, became the highest-paid player in the history of his team as he signed a contract calling for a salary of dol. 35,000 next season. The Negro athlete, named the National League's most valuable player last year, received an increase estimated at dol. 15,000.

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LONG HIGHWAY

The New York Thruway, now being constructed in the United States, will be one of the longest express highways in the world, Life magazine reports. Its 486 miles will cut across New York State from Buffalo to Albany and then go directly south to New York City. The Thruway will have from four to six traffic lanes. There will be no traffic lights, billboards, roadside stands, intersections, or railroad crossings. Cars will enter or leave the Thruway by special one-way entrances and exits.

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Latest types of office machines are being demonstrated in the United States by the International Business Machines Corporation. One of the electronic computing machines can make 2,174 additions and subtractions a second.

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For every child in the United States who dies from common childhood diseases now, five died only 15 years ago, (the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company reports.

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SIXTY M.P.H.

Railroads in the United States now have 2,334 daily and 93 non-daily passenger runs scheduled at 60 miles an hour or faster, the Association of American Railroads reports. These runs cover 136,417 miles. Some trains attain speeds of 100 miles or more an hour, the association notes.

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FARM FOR WORMS

One of the world's largest earthworm-breeding farms is operated in the United States at the Bronx Zoo in New York City, the National Geographic Society reports. The zoo's two duck-billed platypuses require 25,000 big earthworms in their diet each month.

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There were 3,700,000 television receivers in the United States at the end of 1949. An industry official predicts that in the next five years half the U.S. population will own television sets.

Marathi Film Draws Full Houses

Navayug Chitrapat have made a stirring Marathi film entitled "Manacha Pan" which has been drawing full houses at the Majestic ever since its release last Saturday. With an imposing cast headed by Baburao Pendharkar, Lalita Pawar, Sulochana and Chandrakant, "Manacha Pan" presents a stirring story of rugged Marathas and their valour and their weaknesses.

Directed by A. R. Shaikh, "Manacha Pan" has the added attraction of ten songs and dance numbers.

I.N.A. DOCUMENTARY

"Pahela Admi" is a story of a man who dared to free India from foreign bondage and faced a thousand dangers in the jungles of Burma with his followers — bands of selfless people devoted to the same cause.

The story comes from the pen of one of the I.N.A.'s, gallant numbers who went through thick and thin with Subhas Chandra Bose during the Burma campaign.

The I.N.A.'s exploits have been reconstructed for the film by director Bimal Roy, who spent days and months with leaders of the I.N.A. going through various papers and documents which included despatches from the pen of Netaji himself. Indoor and outdoor shootings in original locales add to the film's documentary interest. R. C. Boral's music needs special mention.

A carefully chosen cast including Smriti, Asita, Balraj and Pahari portray the vital characters.

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Now Showing at:—
ROYAL OPERA HOUSE
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NEXT CHANGE AT
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Unite To Be Strong

R.S.S. CHIEF'S PLEA TO PEOPLE

SECUNDERABAD, Feb. 3 (UPI):—Shri M. S. Golwalkar, the R.S.S. Chief, arrived here this morning from Nagpur.

He was given a warm reception at the Nampally Railway Station by the RSS workers and sympathisers.

Addressing a gathering of students at the Vivekavardhini College, Mr. Golwalkar said that Bharat was one, and would be one.

The culture of Bharat was deep-rooted. The unity out of diversity forged by its culture might have been in the past disturbed or imperilled by foreign invaders or internal strifes, but could not be destroyed. It had survived the ravages of time.

Continuing, the RSS Chief stated that the freedom they had achieved was not an end in itself; it was not everything. Greater responsibility lay in defending and preserving it. Therefore, he exhorted his listeners, to develop unity and strength.

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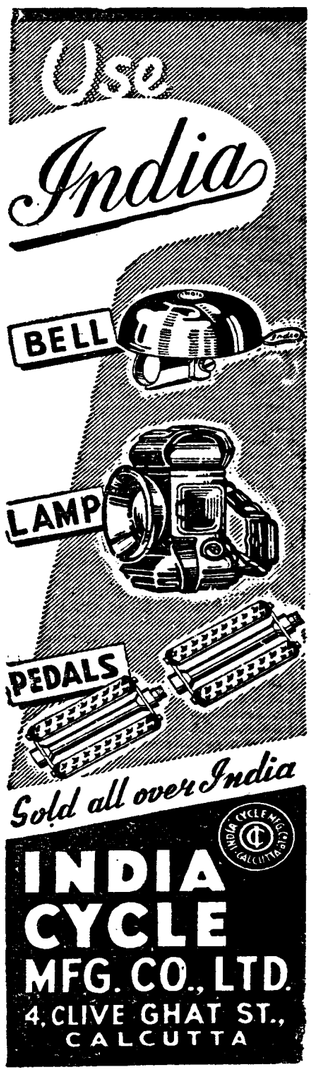

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UNLIMITED RESOURCES OF ANDAMANS

Mr. A. K. Ghosh On Island's Great Potentialities

MADRAS, (By Air Mail)

THE great potentialities for settlement in the Andaman Islands were explained by Mr. A. K. Ghosh, Chief Commissioner for Andaman and Nicobar Islands, in an interview in Madras on his way from Delhi to the Andamans. Mr. Ghosh had come to India for consultation with the Government of India on matters relating to the administration of the islands.

The islands, he said, are rich in mineral resources and had extensive cultivable lands and a forest wealth not yet exploited in full. There was also great scope for developing and extending the tourists traffic in the islands.

Referring to the timber industry, which is the biggest in the island, Mr. Ghosh said that a move had been made by the Government of the United States of Travancore and Cochin for permission to exploit the forest resources of the Andamans. The islands at present export about one crore rupees worth of timber every year from forests exploited by government agencies.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

A geological expert was being sent from India to the Andamans to inspect the possibilities of petroleum. The fishery and cocoanut industries could be developed as also the fruit growing and preservation industry. The need of the islands at the present moment was, however, for more skilled artisans for employment in various trades and lines of work.

The Government of India had a scheme of settling refugees on the islands as part of their refugee rehabilitation scheme; but only 800 refugees had taken advantage of the offer so far.

There is a move to improve the steamer service to the Andamans. At present there was only a monthly service between Madras and Calcutta via the Andamans. But, it is expected that by the end of the year another ship would be put into service when it would be possible to have a service once in ten days.

Mr. Ghosh stated that the Nicobar islands are almost wholly inhabited by natives of Malayan origin and the land was fertile. There was not much scope for further settlement on the islands.

FISHERMAN CHEATED OF RS. 600

Conjurer's Trick

(From Our Correspondent)

KARWAR, Feb. 2: A conjurer who not only held out a promise, but also proved by demonstration to the simple villagers of Chendia (about 5 miles from Karwar) that he could convert any currency note to double its face value, decamped with a sum of about Rs. 600 from a fisherman of that village, who had passed it on to him hoping to become rich quickly.

It is said that the conjurer held some performances in the village and with sleight of hand demonstrated that he could convert one rupee notes into two-rupee notes, and five-rupee notes into ten-rupee ones. A fisherman, eager to double the money he had, invited the conjurer and passed on the currency notes of the value of Rs. 600 to him who in his turn after performing his tricks returned a "packet" to the fisherman warning him not to open the "packet" of notes which he had given before a week.

The next day, however, the conjurer and his alleged accomplice, who comes from the same village, were found missing, and the anxious fisherman opened the "packet" of notes only to find blank pieces of paper, in it. Then he complained to the police who are conducting enquiries.

APARTHEID IN N. RHODESIA

Representative Of Indian Community To See Nehru

NEW DELHI, Feb. 2. (PTI): Mr. C. L. Patel, representative of the Northern Rhodesia Indian Congress, said here today that the Indian community there, numbering about 2,000 would be badly hit by the Immigration Bill now before the Rhodesian Council.

Mr. Patel said that he had been deputed by the Congress to apprise the External Affairs Ministry of the Government of India of the situation in North Rhodesia where discrimination against the Indian residents, as practised in South Africa, had been started. Indians were not allowed to trade in certain townships, were barred from cinemas and hotels, and were not allowed to travel with Europeans in railway trains.

The racial problem in North and South Rhodesia and Nyyasaland, British Protectorates run by the Colonial Office in London, Mr. Patel said, threatened to become, if proper steps were not taken, as big a problem as that of South Africa.

Mr. Patel said he would be seeing Pandit Nehru also in this connection.

Parish Priest Charge-Sheeted

(From Our Correspondent)

KARWAR, Feb. 2: The Very Rev. Fr. Roncon Pereira, Vicar General of the Karwar District, and the Parish Priest Fr. Menezes, of the Sunkeri Church (about 3 miles from Karwar), have been charge-sheeted by the Karwar Police under Section 296 of the I.P.C., for alleged disturbance of congregation of worshippers at the time of prayers in the above church recently. It is alleged by the Sunkeri Church Christian Uplift Association, in its complaint to the Police, that the above Parish Priest, on the day of their festival, at the time of the sermon, insulted the congregation by using harsh and abusive language.

COMMON MAN'S LOT NO BETTER

Socialist Leader Attacks Congress

(From Our Correspondent).

POONA, Feb. 3: "The government is a permanent and effective instrument of social progress. If it is not able to fulfil this important rule, a political vacuum is created and separatist tendencies like communalism come to the forefront.

But they are not the disease but a symtom of the disease," stated Shri Achyut Patwardhan, Socialist leader, delivering his second lecture, on India's current problems, under the auspices of the Poona Socialist Party.

Continuing Shri Patwardhan said that after the advent of freedom the common man in the country expected that there woud be rule of justice and his economic condition would improve. But he has been disappointed on both the counts.

Shri Patwardhan uttered a warning that this lack of coordination between the people and the Government, would unwittingly lead to conditions similar to those that prevailed when the British captured India and her freedom would be imperilled.

Criticising the present-day attitude of the Congress Party, Shri Patwardhan remarked that during the pre-freedom days, the movement for freedom was more powerful than the Congress, which happened to be its vehicle.

Congress has forgotten this fact, and has become arrogant with political power.

Shri Patwardhan further stated that the Government which passes laws only to protect its 'izzat', becomes demoralised by corruption.

He gave the instance of prohibition and remarked that the useful social reform was being rushed through, without curing to know whether the Government had the capacity to make the prohibition law a success.

Rukmini Devi's Dance Recitals

BOMBAY, Friday.

Rukmini Devi (Mrs. Arundale) will stage some dance recitals in Bombay.

One show will be given at Government House on 15th February, at 9 p.m

CITY CORPORATION: WEEK BY WEEK

(Continued from page 6)

557 official 302, non-official, and urgent items 409, the total being 1268. But in 1948-49, the first year after the election on the basis of adult franchise, the figure of ordinary items shot up to 1082, the non-official propositions numbered 562 and the urgent items also rose to 366, the grand total being 2010 almost double that of 1935-36. This year which is now drawing to a close, the figure is likely to cross all records, the total so far having reached 1713 figure has already crossed the figure for the whole year 1948-49. His calculation, therefore, was that the arrears were not due to any obstructionist tactics adopted by the Opposition but were the natural result of the enormous increase in official business, perhaps due to the rise in the population and also the taking over of the B.E.S.T. Undertaking. The right procedure, therefore, was for the House to meet more often or to sit longer hours.

MUNICIPALITY FOR MALAD

A press note from the Government of Bombay announces that there will be an elected Municipality for Malad replacing the present Notified Area Committee, a wholly nominated body. Malad is a flourishing suburb on the outskirts of Greater Bombay with a population at present estimated between 50,000 and 60,000. For some time past there has been a growing desire on the part of the residents of that place to have an elected Municipal body of their own. A recently held meeting under the auspices of the local Socialist Party a couple of months back for that particular purpose was largely attended. The Government have been prompt in responding to the legitimate desire of the people although the citizens will not enjoy adult franchise since the first Municipal election which will have to be over before the end of the coming month will be under the District Municipal Borough's Act which gives a restricted franchise to the people. Still it will be a great advance from a mere Notified Area Committee of half a dozen nominated members and citizens of Malad will at least come in line with their neighbours of Parle and Andheri. These latters are of course on the threshold of being included in Bombay proper on the 1st of April.

It is not yet known what interest the election will create but it can be safely predicted that when fifteen representatives are to be directly elected from five Wards it is certain that the small place will be very much interested in it. Although no announcement has been made by any party so far since the Socialists have fought all elections to local bodies in the city and the suburbs it is likely that they will figure in the forthcoming fight. At any rate the elections are bound to activise the political and civic atmosphere in that party of the suburbs.

TREASURES ON VIEW

LONDON, (By Cable).

The British Broadcasting Corporation plan to show television viewers in their own homes many of the world's finest art treasures. It is proposed to set up a Television Corner at the British Museum and to stage a monthly series of special private views. Many items of fabulous value and outstanding interest will be shown which will be selected from among the Museum's magnificent and unrivalled collections.

Viewers will be able to see relics of the Viking and Egyptian civilisaitions, the unique Portland Vase and a contemporary copy of the Magna Carta.—L.P.S.

BREAK CAPITALIST MONOPOLY

Patwardhan Says, Back Labour

(From Our Correspondent)

POONA, (By Mail).

"The capitalists in India, who control the means of producing wealth, have no capacity to fulfil the task of economic reconstruction of the country. Unless this proposition is accepted, a mere appointment of a National Planning Commission will not solve this important problem", remarked Shri Achyut Patwardhan, the Socialist leader, in a lecture here.

Tracing the history of the growth of capitalism in India Shri Patwardhan stated that Indian capitalism was crippled since its birth, as it depended on the British for support. The Indian capitalists busied themselves in transactions that were helpful to the British capitalists and they, therefore assumed the role of middlemen. While an industrialist depended for profits on more and cheap products of quality the middleman cornered the society, by creating frequent shortages.

During the first world war, Indian capitalism made some headway, as its progress was required for the war effort of the British masters. But even then, except for the Tatas, consumption goods industries were developed and this commercial capitalism developed into finance capitalism, by the establishment of banks, insurance companies and investment trusts.

During the Second World War, though factories in India, were overworked, the production of capital goods was not started here, it was switched on to Australia by the British rulers.

MONOPOLIES

Shri Patwardhan then discussed the present economic structure of the country, and quoting from Shri Asoka Mehta's forthcoming book, "Who Owns India", gave some revealing figures about the concentration of wealth in India.

He stated that:

20 persons monopolized 805 directorships,

61 persons monopolized 1,038 directorships,

932 persons monopolized 1,883 directorships,

1,113 persons monopolized 3,700 directorships.

He further stated that 250 managing agents were earning more profits, than 19 lakhs of shareholders did.

Turning to Agriculture, which was the main occupation in India, Shri Patwardhan explained that 75 per cent of the land was in the hands of idle landowners, who had no interest in the progress of agriculture. At the same time, the number of landless labour in India was three crores. He made it clear that the question of agricultural progress was not merely a matter of improving the technique, but a question of evolving a new social order. If it was decided that the landlords should be compensated, the question of the country's agricultural progress would never be solved.

He wondered why those, who were not ashamed to sacrifice 35 lakhs of refugee with their properties worth crores, at the altar of political Swaraj, should feel nervous to sacrifice vested interests of about lakh and fifty thousand persons, for the attainment of economic Swaraj.

Shri Patwardhan then catalogued the excuses put forward by the Indian capitalists, in withholding their co-operation for the economic progress of the country, and replied to all of them.

Concluding Shri Patwardhan remarked that if any incentive was to be given, it should be to labour and not to capital. If the workers were given to understand that no third party was going to benefit from their labour and their efforts would lead to the betterment of their own conditions, great things could be achieved!

London's Lowest Ever Infant Mortality

LONDON, (By Cable).

An encouraging report on the health of babies in London just issued reveals that the provisional infantile mortality rate for 1949 was 28 per thousand live births—the lowest ever attained in the capital's history.

The rate for children under four weeks old was 16.5 per thousand births, also a record. The maternal mortality rate was 0.78 per thousand births which, although slightly higher than the previous year, is regarded as encouraging.—L.P.S.

Excise Duty Exemption

NEW DELHI, Feb. 3 (U.P.I.): The Central Government is pleased to exempt superfine cloth and fine cloth from so much of the duty leviable thereon as in excess of twenty per cent ad valorem and five per cent ad valorem respectively under the Central Excise Rules, 1944, says a Gazette Notification, today.

Ho Confirmed Soviet Agent

JESSUP ON RUSSIAN RECOGNITION

DJAKARTA, Feb. 3 (PTI): United States Far Eastern Roving Ambassador, Philip C. Jessup said here today that the agreements between France and Bao Dai were "definite steps towards independence" for Viet Nam and Cambodia, cables N. R. Rajamani, P.T.I. correspondent.

Mr. Jessup said Russia's recognition of Ho Chi Minh confirmed Ho Chi Minh as a Soviet agent.

He told reporters that to regard any American recognition of the Bao Dai regime in Indo-China as United States' approval for the continuation of colonialism in Asia would be "misinterpretation".

American foreign policy was and always had been to support nationalist aspirations among the Asian peoples, and any United States action towards Bao Dai would be inspired by the same considerations.

Asked wrether the United States was to extend military aid to Indonesia, Mr. Jessup said Military considerations were "not uppermost in our minds."

The Conference of American Far Eastern diplomats, at Bangkok, on February 13, would take stock of American foreign policy and make recommendations to the State Department about the specific problems and needs of various Far Eastern countries, he added.

While recognising that Indonesia's relations with Holland and the Asiatic countries would be necessarily close, Mr. Jessup said, "It is our theory of international relations that contacts and connections between friendly states do not need to be and should not be exclusive. We have demonstrated our desire to continue relations of close and cordial friendship with Indonesia."

ACTIVE SUPPORT TO DR. HO CHI MINH

E. German Move

BERLIN, Feb. 2 (PTI-Reuter): The East German Government today offered a free voyage home to all Germans fighting with the French Foreign Legion in Vietnam who deserted to the Republican forces.

In an official statement the Government appealed to them to "cease their struggle against the peoples Republic.

"The Government of the German Democratic Republic guarantees a free return Voyage and suitable jobs at home to all German foreign legionaries who go over to the Vietnamese peoples army", the staatement added.

"Tens of thousands of German youth fell on the Vietnam battlefields and the lives of further tens of thousands are threatened in this criminal imperialistic adventure."

Earthquake Shock Of Great Intensity

POONA, Feb. 3 (PTI): An earthquake shock of great intensity at its origin with epicentre at latitude 23 degrees north and longitude 100 degrees east in the south-west of Yunnan province in China about 1,700 miles away from Poona, was recorded by the seismographs in the Meteriological Office, Poona, at 5 hrs 9 mts. (I.S.T.) today.

Pope To Broadcast To U. S. Children

ROME, Feb. 2 (PTI-Reuter): The Pope will broadcast an appeal to the school-children of America this month asking them to send help to starving and homeless children in Europe and Asia.

The broadcast, in English, will be addressed to children in Catholic schools throughout the United States.

It will probably be transmitted on Ash Wednesday, February 22.

Republic Day Athletic Meet In Jubbulpore

(From Our Correspondent)

JUBBUDPORE, Jan. 31.

In continuation of the Republic Day celebrations an interesting Athletic Meet was held at the Wright Town Ground yesterday when a large and enthusiastic holiday crowd was present to witness the representatives of the Signal Training Centre, Jubbulpore, carry all before them in some very close finishes.. Mr. R. R. Bahl, ICS., Deputy Commissioner of Jubbulpore and Brigadier K.K. Verma, Jubbulpore (I) Sub Area Commander, were present on the occasion and Mrs. K.K. Verma distributed the certificates to the successful athletes.

The followingg were the results:

100 METRES: Hav. Muthu Swamy STC 1, S.K. Upadhaya City Col 2, Hav. S. Joseph STC. 3. Time 11.2 secs.

200 METRES: Hav. S. Joseph 1, L/Nk. J. Solomon STC. 2, L/Nk. Thomas STC. 3. Time 23.8 secs.

HIGH JUMP: Sigmn. Chanan Singh STC. 1, Lt. Govind Swamy STC. 2, Sigmn. Rodricks STC. 3, Ht. 5 ft. 10 ins.

400 METRES: Hav. Muthu Swamy 1, Sigmn. Swaran Singh STC. 2, Sigmn Waman Sawant STC. 3. Time 52.3 secs.

800 METRES: Sigmn. Alexander STC 1, Sigmn. Ram Singh STC. 2, Sigmn. Reddy STC. 3. Time 2 min. 1 sec.

LONG JUMP: Sigmn Tara Singh STC. 1, L/Nk. Darbara Singh STC. 2, S. K. Upadhaya 3. Distance 20 ft. 1in.

4x400 METRES RELAY: Signal Training Centre 1, M.T.R. STC. 2, Royal Regt. STC. 3. Time 3 mins. 33 secs.

VOLLEY BALL: Deputy Commissioner's Team beat the Jub. (I) Sub Area Commander's Team 15-6, 15-12.

KABADDI: D.C's Team beat Sub Area Commanders Team.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DISPOSALS

AUCTION PROGRAMME FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1950

Sl. No.	Date and Time of Auction	Place.	Description of Stores.
1.	D. 6-2-1950 T. 10-30 A.M.	R.I.N. Stores Depot, Mankhurd.	Bits Auger, Bolts Screw, Loud Speakers, Plugs, Oscillators, Lantern Signalling, Motor Generator.
2.	D. 6-2-1950. T. After the above auction.	R.I.N. Depot, Trombay.	R.A.F. Air Sea Rescue Boats.
3.	D. 6-2-1950. T. 2 p.m.	The Chief Commissioner for Kutch, Bhuj.	Motor Trucks.
4.	D. 7-2-1950. T. 10-30 A.M.	Antop Hill, Wadala, Bombay.	Drills Chucks of various sizes.
5.	D.7-2-1950. T. After the above auction.	Pipeline Supdts., Office, Wadala, Bombay.	Chevrolet Station Wagons, Trucks, Chevrolet Lorry, Studebaker.
6.	D. 8-2-1950. T. 10-30 A.M.	M/s. Ford Motor Co., of India Ltd., Sewri, Bombay.	Rivet set.
7.	D. 8-2-1950. T. After the above auction.	Haji Bunder (TC) Godown, Sewri. Bombay.	Canvas Heavy Khaki Dyed.
8.	D. 9/10-2-1950. T. 10-30 A.M.	Ordnance Depot, Talegaon Dabhade.	Augers earth, Tents I.P., Bivouac Mosquitoes Proof Flies, Cordage Hemp, Post Pickets, Hand Spikes Jackets Mazri, Trousers Blue Drill, Tape Newar undyed etc.
9.	D. 11-2-1950. T. 10-30 A.M.	R.I.N. Cable Depot, Chinchpokli.	Cables, flexible cords.
10.	D. 11-2-1950. T. After the above auction.	J. Stevenson & Co., New Tank Bunder, Bombay No. 16.	Diesel Engine.
11.	D. 13-2-1950. T. 10-30 A.M.	Govt. of Indi Bldg. Queens Road, Bombay.	A.R.P. Steel Helmets, Stirrup Pumps, Wirelite glass, Sulphuric Acid.
12.	D. 13-2-1950. T. 2-30 P.M.	Hazardous Duty Paid Ware house, B.P.T. Alexandra Docks, Bombay.	Thermite Drums.
13.	D. 14-2-1950. T. 10-30 A.M.	R.I.N. Armament Depot, Behind Town Hall, Bombay.	Boxes, Covers, Canvas, Drifts, Drivers Screws, Oil Filling, Oil Buffers, Wrenches Hexagonal of various sizes.
14.	D. 13/14/15-2-1950. T. 10-30 A.M.	H.Q. Vehicle Depot, Dehu.	Motor Vehicles.
15.	D. 16-2-1950. T. 10-30 A.M.	Central Telegraph Office, Bombay.	Tractors.
16.	D. 16-2-1950. T. 2-30 P.M.	R.C. Disposals Office, Bombay.	Furnitures.
17.	D. 16-2-1950. T. After the above auction.	Director of Supplies, Bombay.	Remington Typewriter.
18.	D. 16-2-1950. T. After the above auction.	The Textile Commissioner, Harawalla Bldg., Ballard Estate, Bombay.	Air-Conditioning Unit, Sample of various Textiles stores.
19.	D. 16-2-1950. T. After the above auction.	Mercantile Marine Deptt., Commerce House, Ballard Estate, Bombay.	Motor Car Austin.
20.	D. 16-2-1950. T. 10-30 A.M.	Central A. F. V. Depot, Kirkee.	Fuel soluble, Catalytic compound, Bolts, Washers Spring.
21.	D. 16-2-1950. T. After the above auction.	Military Farm, Kirkee.	Milk Pasteuriser.
22.	D. 16-2-1950. T. After the above auction.	The Supdt. High Explosive Factory, Kirkee.	Bolts & Nuts.
23.	D. 16-2-1950. T. After the above auction.	Ordnance Depot, Kirkee.	Humber Pinion Bevel, Cart Transport Bodies, Cart Transport Wagon Pantoon MK 7.
24.	D. 17-2-1950. T. 10-30 A.M.	R.S.S.D. Ghorpuri.	Misc. Salvage stores.
25.	D. 18-2-1950. T. 10-30 A.M.	R.I.A.F. Thakurly Near Kalyan Opp. Power House.	Aircraft tyres.
26.	D. 20-2-1950. T. 10-30 A.M.	Station Supply Depot, Deolali.	Wooden cases, containers, Barrels.
27.	D. 20-2-1950. T. After the above auction.	Garrison Engineers, Deolali.	Bolts.
28.	D. 20-2-1950. T. 10-30 A.M.	D.G.I. & S. Depot., Sewri.	Steam driven compressor, Screws of various sizes, Pressure Valves, Bolts Nuts etc.
29.	D. 21-2-1950. T. 10-30 A.M.	Govt. of India, Godown, Frere Road, Bombay.	Gunny bags & Hoop Iron.
30.	D. 22-2-1950. T. 10-30 A.M.	I. G. Mint, Bombay.	Magnets.
31.	D. 22-2-1950. T. 2-30 P.M.	Supply Dept. Transit Depot, Haji Bunder.	Gypsum.
32.	D. 24-2-1950. T. 10-30 A.M.	A.F.M.S. Depot, Sewri, Bombay.	Medical stores.
33.	D. 24-2-1950. T. 10-30 A.M.	C.O.D. Dehu.	M.T. Parts.
34.	D. 25-2-1950. T. 11 A.M.	H.M.I.S. Shivaji P.O. Lonavla.	Distiller pump.
35.	D. 25-2-1950 T. After the above auction.	S.D.O. Works Sub-Division Lonavla.	M. S. Screws.
36.	D. 27-28-2-1950. T. 10 A.M.	H.Q. Vehicle Depot, Dehu.	Motor Cycles.

For catalogue of stores and other particulars please contact the following auctioneers or this office.

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2. M/s. Gurdit Singh Beant Singh, 251/1, Nana Peth, Poona. (For auctions Nos. 20, 21, 22, 23, 36).
3. M/s. Gandhi & Co., 72, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay (For auctions Nos. 6, 7, 9, 10, 28, 29).
4. M/s. Shankar Ramchandra & Bros., 128, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Poona. (For auctions Nos. 24, 34, 35).
5. M/s. Bennett & Co., 120, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay. (For auctions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 11, 12, 15 to 19, 30).
6. M/s. Craven Son & Co., Gandhi Villa Nasik Road. (For auctions Nos. 8, 14, 26, 27, 33).

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SHORT COVERING HARDENS TATA STEELS

Mill Shares Rule Steady On Moderate Support

BOMBAY, Feb. 3...

The local Share Bazar opened steady and registered small improvement under scattered buying. Trading was restricted and in the absence of any new development, the market is grinding. Neither Bulls nor Bears are inclined to increase their risks and the market is making irregular price movement, puzzling small operators.

Tata Steel Defd. Shares opened at Rs. 1630/- and advanced at Rs. 1640/- under scattered buying and steadied at Rs. 1635/-. Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 328/- and improved at Rs. 330/-. Bombay Dyeing Shares opened at Rs. 1085/- and gained 5 points at Rs. 1090/- Kohinoors were quoted at Rs. 300/- while Swadeshi Mill Shares were placed at Rs. 268¾-. Scindia Shares were placed at Rs. 13¾7.

Tata Iron and Steel Co.'s production for the month of January was reported 60,200 tons. The decrease is said to be due to National Holidays. The market ruled steady and Tata Steel Defds were quoted at Rs. 1645. Ordinary also improved at Rs. 332 and Bombay Dyeings rallied at Rs. 1095 and steadied at Rs. 1092/8.

Towards the close the market was steady on short covering. Tata Steel Defds advanced at Rs. 1650 and steadied at Rs. 1647/8 while Ordinary shares were done at Rs. 332, Bombay Dyeings were quoted at Rs. 1096 and closing tone was steady.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES	
Bombay Dyeing (10-8)	1096 4
Kohinoor Mills (4-2)	304 0
Svadeshi Mills (12-4)	273 0
Central India Mills (6)	244 0
Simplex Mills (9-8)	195 0
New Great Eastern (9)	161 0
Indore	115 0
Gokak Mills (12)	273 0
Century Spinning (15)	235 0
Sirpur Mills (30)	315 0
Indian Bleaching (6)	147 0
Finlay Mills (15)	270 0
Morarji Goculdas (8)	435 0
Edward Sassoon (30)	238 12
Meyer (12)	103 12
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	2 13
India United Ord. (0-12-0)	12 3
India United Defd. (0-12-0)	1 15 6
Madhusudan (15)	180 0
Podar (8)	140 0
Khatau Makanji (5)	190 0
Swadeshi Coupon	68 0
STEEL SHARES	
Tata Steel Ord. (14)	333 0
Tata Steeil Defd. (64-12)	1650 0
Tata Steel 2nd Pref	137 0
CEMENT	
Associated Cement (7) XD	151 12
INDUSTRIES	
Burma (12-8) XD	362 8
Belapur Sugar (9)	225 0
Shivrajpur Syndicate (1-8)	30 0
Scindia Steam (0-8)	13 10
Premier Construction	93 8
Tata Chemical	11 8
Tata Oil (2)	51 8
Indian Iron (1) XD	31 10
Bengal Steel (0-12)	22 8
Bengal India Corp. (9-9)	9 3
Indian Copper	2 6 3
Wimco	210 0
Alcock	272 8
ELECTRIC SHARES	
Tata Power (25)	1547 8
Tata Hydro (3)	155 0
Andhra Valley (25)	1435 0

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS	
Elphinstone Mills (5)	60 0
Ahmedabad Advance (9)	251 4
New Kaiser-i-Hind	325 0
Sholapur (200)	3150 0
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8)	16 4
Hindustan Mills (40)	4000 0
Tata Mills (2-4)	59 0
New Victoria 2 (Pref)	4 4
Palton (8)	118 0
Gold Mohor	302 8
New Kaiser Hind	325 0
Ahmedabad Advance (9)	251 4
Sassoon Silk (3) XD	33 0
New Union Mills (0-8)	15 14
Madhusudan S (2-8)	35 0
Shinivas Mills (S)	171 1
Raja Bahadur (4)	62 0
Berar Mills	250 0
Victoria Mills	225 0
ELECTRIC (CASH)	
Ahmedabad Electric (1-8)	129 6
Ahmedabad New	76 4
Surat Electric	130 0
Karachi Electric (2)	136 14
Broach (0-5)	6 12
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10 3
Amalgamated (0-2)	11 1
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	26 8
Poona Electricity Supply (8)	140 10
Bombay Suburban (3)	152 8
Bombay Suburban New	120 0
BANK SHARES	
Imperial Bank of India XD	1747 8
Imperial Bank P. (6-12) XD	431 4
Central Bank (1-8)	81 12
Central Bank New (1-8)	82 4
Bank of India (4)	176 8
Union (0-3)	7 4
Baroda (2-8)	121 8
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	37 8
United Commercial (1-8)	46 0
Jaipur Bank (1-5)	35 8
Hindustan Commercial	17 0
Mysore Bank (8)	305 0
Eastern Bank (0-14-6)	94 0
INSURANCE SHARES	
Oriental (125)	4475 0
Empire (10)	571 4
New India (1-7)	57 4
Jupiter (0-12)	13 0
Vulcan (0-10)	13 2
Indian Mercantile (2)	36 8
Universal (0-4)	11 4
B. I. G. (1)	15 0
Industrial and Prudential	26 8
Neptune	7 0
New Great	25 0
All India General	12 12
RAILWAY SHARES	
G.P. (1-14) XD	113 8
MISCELLANEOUS SHARES	
Steamer (103)	247 8
Bombay Burma New (5) XD	123 12
Burma Petrol	1 4 6
Mackenzie (6)	90 8
Port Canning (3)	60 8
Kemp and Co. (30)	362 8
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	125 0
Industrial Invest Trust (5-12)	87 0
Dharamsey Chemical (2)	43 0
Mukund Iron	13 0
Dena Trust (0-12)	17 0
Alembic (15)	150 0
Supreme Industries	72 8
Bombay Uganda	67 8
Bombay Motor Cycle	28 0
Indian Cement (1937)	171 4
Waichand Nagar Industries (B. S.)	135 0
United Motor	28 0
Bombay Sate Deposit (27)	880 0
Hydary Construction	19 10
Mahmadi Steam	96 0
Sardar Carbonic X.D.	700 0
Harvey Press	310 0
Gujarat Motor	26 8
Estrella Batteries	30 8
Manmad Press	120 0
National Rayon	54 0
PREFERENCE SHARES	
Tata Steel 1st (6)	196 14
Andhra Valley (7)	1240 0
Tata Power (7-8)	1340 0
Hydro Electric (7)	127 8
Bombay Steamer (6)	126 14
Central India (5)	655 0
Swedeshi Mills	130 8
Vishnu Mills (7)	650 0
Lakshmi Mills	270 0
New Great Mills (5-8)	220 4
Podar Mills (4)	105 10
Shrinivas Mills	98 0
Elphinstone Mills (7)	106 4
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	316 0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	130 0
Pre Construction First	100 8
Pre Construction 2nd Pref.	98 0
Amalgamated	115 8
Habir	72 9
Tata Chemical	122 8
Waichandnagar	130 0
Jupiter	13 4
Supreme	100 0
Meyer	102 8
Mackenzie (1st)	85 0
Mackenzie (2)	80 0
Ahmedabad Advance	127 8
Mysore Mill	80 8
Standard	99 0
Madhusudan	32 0
Khatau	97 8
Morarji	94 8
National Rayon	73 8
DEBENTURES	
Andhra 1952	103 8
Gula Kajamsingh	8 0
Rubber Planting	17 0
Bombay Steamer	97 0
Indian Hume Pipe	101 0
Tata Power 1951	103 0
Walchandnagar	106 8
OUTSIDE SHARES	
Burma Corporation	2 11
New Victoria	4 4
266-13-9.	
New Victoria	21 4
Phalton	118 0
Gold Mohor	302 4
New Kaiser-i-Hind	325 0
Sajjan	150 0
Osmanshahi	250 0
Ajani Shahi	280 0
Air Services	4 8
Air India	65 0
Hind Motors	5 1
Indian Steam	7 11

GOLD AND SILVER

BOMBAY, Feb. 3.

The local bullion market opened firm today on higher Calcutta advices but there being absence of buying support, prices sagged under scattered liquidation. Tomorrow is the final day for the settlement of Maha delivery silver contract. Next settlement is quoted at a premium of annas twelve.

Maha delivery silver opened at Rs. 183/10 and declined at Rs. 183/2 under scattered liquidation. Ready silver was quoted at Rs. 183/4.

Fagan delivery gold opened at Rs. 115/10 and after improving at Rs. 115/14 declined at Rs. 115/8. Ready gold was quoted at Rs. 115/10 and sovereigns were done at Rs. 75/8.

Later on gold advanced at Rs. 116-10 and silver improved at Rs. 183-15. At this level there was unloading by bulls and closing quotations were as under:

Ready silver	182	4	0
Maha dely.	182	4	0
Ready gold	116	0	0
Fagan Dely.	116	0	0

After the close Calcutta being easier, silver was quoted at Rs. 181-4.

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, Feb. 3.

A general meeting of the members of the Seeds Traders Association will be held today to accept the Government offer in the new constitution of seeds trade. The market was quietly steady. Groundnuts Bombay-Madras were quoted at Rs. 40/8. Linseed was steady. Castorseeds Madras were quoted at Rs. 27/12 and Dhavangiri at Rs. 27/8.

Quotations were as under:—

GROUNDNUTS—			
Quality Receipts	Rs. 40	4	0
Bold Ready	39	4	0
Oil Bombay Mills	22	4	0
Oil Up-country Mills	21	9	0
LINSEED—			
Feb-March	21	15	0
Satna	35	10	0
Indore	37	0	0
Bold	37	0	0
February-March	36	2	0
March-April	35	8	0
April-May	34	14	0
Oil	21	6	0
CASTORSEED—			
Ready	27	8	0

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

ALEXANDRIA, Feb. 2.

KARNAK:	
March	82.45+30
May	81.65+05
July	81.15+05
ASHMOUNI:	
February	78.62+57
April	78.20+50
June	76.60+55

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, February 3.

2 1/2 per cent 1954	98	14	0
2 1/2 per cent 1950	100	5	0
2 1/2 per cent 1955	99	14	0
2 1/2 per cent 1961	96	14	0
2 1/2 per cent 1960	99	9	0
2 3/4 per cent 1962	99	2	0
2 3/4 per cent 1973	95	14	0
3 per cent Con.	97	6	0
3 per cent 1951-54	101	7	0
3 per cent 1952-55	101	12	0
3 per cent 1957	101	12	0
3 per cent 1959-61	101	3	0
3 per cent 1963-65	100	5	0
3 per cent 1966-68	100	3	0
3 per cent 1970-75	100	1	0
2 1/2 per cent 1954-59	104	6	0
3 1/2 per cent 1960-70	110	4	0
4 1/2 per cent 1950-55	101	6	0
4 1/2 per cent 1958-60	110	8	0
4 1/2 per cent 1953-68	113	0	0
PROVINCIAL LOANS			
3 per cent Bombay 1962	99	4	0
2 3/4 per cent C P 1961	97	1	0
2 3/4 per cent Madras 1961	97	1	0
3 per cent Bombay 1955	100	8	4
3 per cent Bombay 1958	100	4	0
3 per cent Punjab 1952	99	0	0
3 per cent Madras 1952-53	100	6	0
3 per cent C P. 1952	100	6	0
3 per cent U. P. 1952	100	6	0
3 per cent N.W.P. 1952	98	2	0
3 per cent U P. 1961-68	99	12	0
3 1/4 per cent Municipal 1977	99	0	0
4 per cent B.P.T. long dated	109	12	0
4 per cent Bombay Muni.	109	8	0
5 p.c. Bombay Muni. 1959	114	0	0
6 per cent Bom. Municipality 1954	113	8	0
6 per cent K. P. T 1956	113	12	0

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

BOMBAY, Feb. 3.

Tata Ordinary	333	0	0
Tata Deferred	1650	0	0
Indian Iron	31	10	0
Steel Corpn. of Bengal	22	8	0
Bombay Dyeing	1096	4	0
Central India	244	6	0
Gokak	273	12	0
Kohinoor	304	6	0
Simplex	195	0	0
Swadeshi	273	12	0
Tata Power	1547	8	0
Associated Cement ex. d.	151	12	0
Belapur	225	0	0
Bombay Burma (Old)	362	8	0
Scindia	13	10	0
Central Bank	81	12	0
New India	57	4	0
Tata 2nd Pref.	137	0	0

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, Feb. 3.

B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 Ready.

B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Selling T. T D. D. 1/5 31/32 Ready.

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 upto 6 Months.

London Banks Buying T. T 1/6 1/32 to 9th Month.

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/16 10th-12th Month.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying D D 1/6 3/32 5th and 6th Month.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/8 7th—9th Month.

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st. 1/6 1/8 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st. 1/6 5/32 5th and 6th Month.

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 3/16 7th—9th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st. 1/6 5/32 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 3/16 5th and 6th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 7/32 7th—9th Month.

New York B. C. Rate T. T. Rs. 478 1/4, Montreal Rs. 435.

Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs 478 1/4, Montreal Rs. 435.

Banks Buying T. T. Rs. 475 Montreal Rs 431 3/4.

Banks Buying D. D. Rs. 472 1/2 Montreal Rs. 429 3/4.

Banks Buying D. D. Rs. 473 3/4 L/C., Montreal Rs. 430 1/2 L/C.

Paris Banks Selling T. T. Fcs. 7250.

Paris Banks Buying T. T. Fcs. 7500.

Amsterdam Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Fl. 79

Switzerland Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Fcs. 80 1/4.

Belgium Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Fcs. 1033.

Java Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Glds. 79.

Hongkong Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 83 1/4.

Singapore Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 156 3/4.

Manila Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 238 3/4.

New York/London Cross Rate dol. 2.79 7/8 to 2.80 1/8, London/Afghanistan Cross Rate Afghani Rs. not quoted. London/Alexandria Cross Rate Pia. 97 1/4-3/4, London/Amsterdam Cross Rate Fl. 10.63-65, London/Bangkok Cross Rate Tcl. 35, London/Belgium Cross Rate Fcs. 139.90-140.10, London/Denmark Cross Rate Kr. 19.32-36, London/Hongkong Cross Rate 1/2 7/8 1/2 31/32 London/Iran Cross Rate Rl. 89.40-91.00 London/Java Cross Rate Fl. 10-63-65, London/Karachi Cross Rate Rs. 2/1-84-2/1.94, London/Lisbon Cross Rate Es. 80.35 London/Manila Cross Rate Pes. 5.60-5.65 London/Montreal Cross Rate dol. 3.07-3/4-3.08 1/4, London/New York Cross Rate dol. 2.79 7/8-2.80 1/8, London Oslo Cross Rate Kr. 19.98-20.02. London/Paris Cross Rate Fcs 979-981 London/Prague Cross Rate K. 141 London/Singapore Cross Rate 2/4 1/32 2/4 5/32, London/Stockholm Cross Rate Kr. 14.47-50. London/Switzerland Cross Rate Fcs 12.23-12 26

London discts. 3 Mos. 5/8 p.c.

London Discts. 6 Mos. 3/4 p.c.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.

Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.

Money: Call 3/4 per cent, 3 Mos 1 per cent, 6 Mos. 1-1/4 per cent, 12

Tone: Steady.

Tone: Easy.

RISE IN WOOL PRICES

Messrs. Hardacre and Co. have issued the following report:—

BRADFORD

The last week of January saw continued rise in prices and these rose practically to the 1930 levels. These levels are dangerous and the first two days of this month have seen a definite inclination on the part of topmakers to accept somewhat lower levels. Quotations today for both Merinos and Crossbreds are about 10 per cent down from the peak prices reached last week. Quotations still however remain below replacement cost, and many topmakers still will not quote.

WOOL PRICES

The present level of wool prices will depend to a great extent on the banks who finance the trade and Government policies. The stabilizing factor is that the J. O. stocks are now practically liquidated, and there is no danger whatever of the bottom falling out of the market as happened in 1920. Commitments are being entered into as long ahead as 12 months and this in itself is a danger singal as it merely tends to increase the demand for wools which would not normally be met until the next clip.

NEW ZEALAND

Bradford and the Continent were the main buyers at Auckland with 22,000 bales cleared at prices 25 per cent above the November sales. Towards the end of the sale there was easing in prices particularly for Crossbreds.

AUSTRALIA

Prices at Melbourne were firm with Russia a strong buyer for fine Crossbreds. At Sydney there was strong competition for the J. O. wools offered and prices were fully firm.

EAST INDIAN WOOLS

The final prices at the sales which closed last week were 10 per cent and 15 per cent respectively up for good qualities and medium qualities 9,865 bales were sold out of a total offering of just over 10,000 bales.

U. K. EXPORTS TO INDIA

(Twelve months ending Dec. 1949). In 1000's.

	QUANTITY.		
	1938	1948	1949
Tops lbs.	1875	4263	5407
Worsted Yarns lbs.	206	763	1108
Woollen Tissues Sq. Yds.	2071	3620	3251
Worsted Tissues Sq Yards.	944	1066	787
	VALUE. (Lacs of Rupees)		
	1938	1948	1949
Tops	20.2	125.5	168.0
Worsted Yarns	5.2	58.3	58.6
Woollen Tissues	29.6	199.0	159.2
Worsted Tissues	17.1	77.0	54.8

The figures given for Tops and Yarns refer to India only whilst these for Woollen and Worsted Piecegoods refer to India and Pakistan, separate figures for each Dominion not yet being available.

ART SILK YARN

BOMBAY, Feb. 3.

120 Ready Japan	5	7	0
150 Ready Japan	4	7	6
120 Ready Italy	4	14	0
150 Ready Italy	4	6	0
150 D. Box Feb.	871	0	0
150 D. Box March	877	0	0

NEW YORK COTTON PRICES RECOVER ON SHORT COVERING

Wall Street Market Firm On Truce In Coal Situation

NEW YORK, Feb. 3

After initial hesitancy, prices drifted under scattered hedges and liquidation partly based on the failure of the CCC to announce its selling price for 1948 holdings but scaledown trade support checked declines. Newcrops came under light pressure reflecting a recommendation by the chairman of the senate appropriations committee, for over 25 per cent cut in ECA funds which would adversely affect cotton exports next season.

Losses were comfortably extended largely in sympathy with the weakness of grains with some selling based on renewed agitation to substitute flexible price supports for 90 per cent parity loan. Prices later rallied smartly on covering and increased trade support. The session closed steady with sales at 150,000 bales.

NEW YORK COTTON

March	31.30—02
May	31.33—03
July	30.74—
October	28.85—01
December	28.75—01
Middling Spot	32.23—04

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

March	31.12—05
May	31.20—05
July	30.60—02
October	28.74—02
Middling Spot	31.30—05

New York cotton March highest: 31.32 at 10-58 hrs. Lowest: 31.17 at 13-5 hrs.

WALL STREET MARKET

Consolidation forces continued to command the situation as numerous operators held off awaiting labour developments, principally coal. Price changes were either way and mostly fractional in modest but partly featureless trading with gains in the majority and including leading steels, motors, minings, oils and electronics.

Profittaking reduced an initial advance in Montgomery ward with rumours of a possible change in management. The averages were Industrials 202.63 and rails 54.55.

Northern and western coal operators acceptance of the Truman truce offer started a rally in Industrials which spread to most other sections bringing gains of one dollar or more in expanded activity. The Market finished at the best with both the industrial and utility average at new highs for 1950. The session closed firm.

N. Y. STOCKS

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.

American Telephone & Telegraph	149-1/2
Amerex Holding Co.	34-1/2
Annaconda Copper Mining	29-1/2
Chase National Bank	37-1/2
Firestone Tyre	56
General Electric	44-7/8
General Motors	75
Ingersoll Rand	71XD
International Nickel	28-1/2
National City Bank	43-1/2
New York Central Rail Road	12-5/8
Sinclair Oil	23
Socony Vacuum Corporation	16-3/8
Texas Corporation	61-1/4
Union Carbide	44-1/2
U.S. Smelting and Refining	38-1/2
U.S. Steel Common	30
Western Union "A"	22-1/4

Volume of business on the New York Stock Exchange was 2040000 shares.

Highest and Lowest U.S. Steel trading prices were 30 and 29-1/4 respectively.

CHICAGO GRAINS MARKET

Grains were weak attributed to lack of commercial demand from outside markets increased receipts and the easiness of cashwheat late yesterday. Support was limited to scaledown short covering and export buying based on moderate export wheat sales and additional ECA allocations for purchases of United States grains.

CHICAGO WHEAT

March	2.13-3/4
May	2.05
July	1.86-3/4
Sept.	1.86-3/4

N.Y. SILVER SALES

SILVER: Dealings approximated 125,000 ounces at unchanged level today. Bank of Mexico continues to absorb all mexican silver unsaleable in the unistates.

LONDON BULLION

LONDON, Feb. 2.

LONDON:	
Silver Spot and forward	64d
Gold bars fine per oz.	£12-8-0

TRADE AND FINANCE

FURTHER DROP IN SCHEDULED BANKS BALANCES

Small Setback In Gilt-Edged Market

(From Our Special Correspondent).

BOMBAY, Feb. 3.

MONEY

Conditions in the short-term money market continued to rule steady during the week owing to sustained trade demand as evidenced by a further decline of over Rs. 5 crores in scheduled banks balances with the Reserve Bank of India. Interbank call money continued to be quoted at 1/2 per cent. but "House" money was quoted better at 3/4 per cent. Three months' deposits were placeable around 1-1/2 per cent and six months' around 1-3/4 per cent.

The weekly returns of the Reserve Bank of India, for the period ended 27th January 1950, show a rise of Rs. 1.99 crores in the note circulation and a corresponding decline in the notes held in the Banking Department. Government Deposits are up by Rs. 2.73 crores, whereas Bankers' Balances show a decline of Rs. 5.14 crores. Balances held abroad have gone up by Rs. 1.08 crores.

The statement of affairs of the Imperial Bank of India for the week ended 27th January 1950 shows no material change except for a sharp rise of Rs. 4.27 crores in Advances and a consequent reduction of Rs. 4.06 crores in the cash holding of the Bank, which now stands at Rs. 55.63 crores.

GILT-EDGED

Gilt-edged prices suffered a further small setback during the week owing to continued absence of investment support. 3 per cent. 1986 conversion loan was marked down to Rs. 97-6 during the week. Among dated loans, 2-1/2 per cent. 1950 bonds stood around Rs. 100-2, whilst 2-1/2 per cent. loan was placed lower at Rs. 96-11 and 2-3/4 per cent. 1960 loan at Rs. 99-8. 2-3/4 per cent 1926 loan eased off to Rs. 99-1. All other medium and long-dated loans were neglected and prices remained unaltered in the absence of enquiry.

EXCEANGE

There were no special features to report in the rupee/sterling exchange market which continued to rule steady during the week with only a modest turnover. For interbank transactions, sellers of spot TT on London 1s. 5-31/32d and buyers 1s. 6d. Merchant rates fixed by the Exchange Banks' Association were unchanged as under:

Sellers of TT on London spot 1s. 5-31/32d.

Sellers of TT on London upto six months 1s. 5-15/16d.

Buyers of TT on London spot and upto nine months 1s. 6-1/16d.

GOLD

Prices in the gold section of the Bullion market, after remaining almost stabilised for most part of the week, suddenly flared up at the close owing to bull support and hectic short-covering on a revival of rumours about the imposition of death duties. The wcrsening Indo-Pakistan relations were also a contributory factor. Ready gold, which had fluctuated between Rs. 114-1 and Rs. 114-10 until Wednesday, shot up to Rs. 115-8 on Thursday and closed at Rs. 116-3. No further sales were reported on Hyderabad State account during the week, while demand for ready was spasmodic. February settlement was quoted even with spot during the week and occasionally about an anna under. After a number of years, the bulls had to pay carry-over charges ranging from 4 to 6 annas. In the absence of much business, the price of sovereigns remained unchanged at 75-4 during the week in spite of the firmness of gold. Floating stocks of gold are estimated to be about 75,000 tolas. Arrivals are reported to have averaged about 12,000 tolas a day while the average daily offtake works out to 9,000 tolas. The highest and lowest rates touched during the week were Rs. 114-10 and Rs. 113-15 for ready.

SILVER

In contrast to gold, the silver section was inclined to be a shade quieter owing largely to profit-taking by bulls. From Rs. 184-7 at the opening, spot silver .999 fine declined to Rs. 181 on Wednesday. At this stage, some fresh support was given by bull operators and the price hardened to Rs. 183-11 on Thursday and closed at Rs. 183-4. February settlement was quoted at a discount varying between 3 annas and 7 annas during the week. Carry-forward charges from February to March settlement widened from 6 annas at the beginning to about 11 ans. at the close against bulls. Floating stocks of the metal are estimated at 3,500 bars. The average daily offtake was somewhat better at 40 bars a day, while arrivals in the form of cut coins and other unrefined silver averaged about 60 bars a day. In the overseas markets, the New York and the London official silver quotations were stationary at 73-1/4 cents and 64d. respectively. The highest and lowest rates touched during the week were Rs. 184-7 and Rs. 181 for spot and Rs. 184-3 and Rs. 180-11 for forward.

SHARES

The share market ruled easy during the week on persistent unloading by bulls on expectations of lower steel production for January as well as the publication of Government's announcement regarding textile prices which was considered unsatisfactory, but recovered almost half the lost ground at the close on renewed bull support as well as some end-of-account covering.

Tata Defds. declined from Rs. 1700 to Rs. 1618-12 and Ordinaries from Rs. 342-8 to Rs. 327, but recovered at the close to Rs. 1650 and Rs. 333. The textile shares came in for considerable liquidation during the week but closed a shade steadier due to short-covering. Bombay Dyeings were marked down from Rs. 1125 to Rs. 1080, Nagpurs declined from Rs. 265 to Rs. 240 and Kohinoors found sellers at rates ranging from Rs. 315-8 to Rs. 296, but they were all placed higher at Rs. 1096-4, Rs. 244 and Rs. 304 respectively on the final day. Swadeshis likewise, after declining from Rs. 284-8 to Rs. 267, closed at Rs. 273. Hydro-electric and Bank shares ruled quiet during the week in the absence of much investment support; Andhra Valleys were quoted around Rs. 1435 and Powers at Rs. 1542-8. Central Banks eased off to Rs. 81-12 and Imperial Bank Fully Paids were on offer at Rs. 1735 and Bank of Indias at Rs. 176-8. Amongst miscellaneous scrips, Associated Cements ruled quiet at Rs. 151-12xd; Belapurs were quoted lower at Rs. Rs. 221-8 and Bombay Burmas found seller at Rs. 355. Scindia Steams also dwindled down to Rs. 13-6 during the week.

CALCUTTA MARKETS

After a steady opening, the share market in Calcutta turned easier on a preponderance of sellers. Trading during the week was limited.

Speculative Counters Steady On Calcutta Exchange

CALCUTTA, Feb. 3.

The speculative stocks ruled steady while other stocks remained more or less unaltered. Following are today's final transactions upto 1.45 p.m.:—

GOVT. SECURITIES: Three per cent Loan 1970 75 1/0

BANKS: Hind 29 8, Hindustan Commercial 2a, United Commercial 47.

COTTONS: Kesoram Pref. 132, New Victoria Ordy. 2 3, Cawnpore Textiles 11 3.

COALS: Bengal 540, Burrakur 18 2, Bosaro and Ramgur 1/14, Central India 5/2, Nazira 7 12, New Manbhoom 20 12, South Karanpura 28 8.

JUTES. Anglo-India 195, Delta 212, Kinnison 170, National 24 4, Howrah 27.14, India 147, Naihati 108, Reliance 20 14.

ENGINEERINGS. Braithwaite and Co. 8 6, Brit. Eng 13.4, Kumardhubi Eng 7/15, Indian Steel and Wire Products Ordy 43/12, Saran Eng. 9 8, Steel Corp. 22 8.

MISCELLANEOUS: Burma Corp. 2 11, Consolidated Tin annas fourteen, Indian Copper 2 7, Tavoy Tin annas eight, Dalmia Cement Ordy 6 10, Sone Valley Cement 6 10, Angelo Bros. 28 CT, Alluminium Corp. 4/12, Balmer Lawrie 314, B. I. C. 9 3, Eastern Investment 149, Indian Alluminium 132, Jardine Henderson 133 Small Lots, Martin Burn 15/4, British Burma Petrol 1/4, Titaghur Paper 34/1, Midnapore Zemindary 57 8, Lot, Assam Saws 8 5, India Steamship 7 11.

SUGARS: Carew and Co. 8 10, New Savan 7 3, Ramgger Cane 14/12, Shree Sitaram 9/6 Ex. Div.

TEAS: Amluckie 125, Banarhat 280 Ex. Div. 8 Lot Bisnnauth 35 4, Dehra Dun 232, Ledo 118, New Samanbagh 11/14, Rajabhat 11/2, Rungamattee 92.

CONTINENTAL STOCK EXCHANGES

PARIS, Feb. 2.

Trading was rather desultory as operators were watching Franco-Russian relations following the French protest note over the Soviet recognition of Vietminh. In forwards, bank of Indo-China led a small decline. Cash dealings produced more irregular tendency, especially in food, drinks and mines. Foreign issues were brighter and there was a predominance of gains among South African gold and oil shares. Rentes generally eased.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 2.

BOURSE: There were a few changes early and later the market was rather mixed particularly textiles, collieries, buildings and colonials. There were some firm spots among chemicals.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 2.

Despite the absence of new incentives, the stock market was again cheerful and prices pursued a bigger course. Plantations particularly were well disposed with Deli company firm, following optimistic statements by the management. Internationals were quietly maintained.

LONDON COPRA MARKET

LONDON, Feb. 2.

The copra market here was quiet with prices irregular. Sellers of Straits Dutch Eastundies fair merchantable February/March asked a higher rate of £31 1/4 per ton c.i.f., but Philippines were cheaper at 192 1/2 dollars f.o.b.

Coconutoil was quiet steady Straits February/March shipment in bulk £122 per ton c.i.f., Ceylon February/March shipment in cylinrs £127 per ton c.i.f., continental resellers.

LONDON PEPPER MARKET

LONDON, Feb. 2.

The Pepper market was quiet pending information regarding the Indian export tax. Malabar afloat was dearer with near quoted at 1,075 shillings and distant at 1,050 shillings per cwt., c.i.f., United Kingdom, while in the absence of a definite quotation, February/March was indicated at 1,060. Black Lampong, February/March, was offered at 9 1/2 shillings and White Muntok at 15 shillings 2 pence shipping weight and White Sarawak at 15 shillings 8 pence delivered weight per pound c.i.f.

NEW YORK PEPPER MARKET

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.

BLACK PEPPER: The pepper market was firm with no indication of slackening in activity. Spots were offered at 1.35 dollars. Following are today's closing prices:—Black Pepper Spot 1.35 asked, March 1.31 bid, May 1.31 bid, July 1.30 bid, September 1.28 bid, October 1.26 bid, December 1.22 nominal. White Pepper Spot 2.25 asked.

SINGAPORE PEPPER MARKET CLOSED

SINGAPORE, Feb. 2.

The Pepper market remained closed today.

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, Feb. 3.

MILLS—

Apollo 2-13
B. Dyeing 1087-8 95 90 98-12 96-4
C. India 244 40 44
Colaba 118
Finlay 268-8 72 70
Gokak 272 71 73
I. U. Defd. 1-13-6 1-15-6
I. U. Ord. 11-14 12-3 12-2-6 12-3
Indore 115 12-8 15
Kohinoor 299 301 300 4
Meyer 106-4 3-12
Sassoon Silk 33
Sholapur 3150
Simplex 192-8 94-8 92-8 95
New Great 162 60 61
Svadeshi 269 70 69 73
Swan 315
Tata Mills 59 59-4 58-8 59
Scindia 13-6-6 13-10 13-7 13-10
Baroda 121-8
Central 82-4 81-4 81-12
Central New 83 82-4
Imperial Old 1745 35
Imperial New 430
India 176 75 76-8
Union 7-2 7-4
U. Commercial 46-8 46
Ahmedabad 129/6
Amalgamated 11/1
Andhra 1435
Suburban 152/8
Hydro 154
Hydro Pref 127/8
Power 1550 47/8
B.I.G. 15
New India 58

GOOD PROGRESS ON FOOD FRONT

Removal Of Controls Was A Wrong Measure

NEHRU'S STATEMENT IN PARLIAMENT

NEW DELHI, February 3, (PTI).

THE PRIME MINISTER, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, was cheered as he rose in Parliament today to reply to the two-day debate on the President's address.

The address and the debate on it, Pandit Nehru pointed out, was a new departure. The Republic had to take its own conventions he said. The debate had followed to some extent the normal line of the budget discusion.

The essential purpose of the debate at the beginning of the session was to give an opportunity to the Opposition in the House to raise major questions of policy, in fact to raise something which would be tantamount to a vote of no-confidence in the Government. Government wanted the House to decide then and there whether it approved of the major lines of Government's policies or not. If the debate was converted into a debate on a large number of minor issues, the major issues were rather clouded and obscured and, therefore, the principal objective of such a debate was perhaps not served. In the present House, of course the Opposition was very small in number and hence it was but right and fair that a greater latitude should be given.

Pandit Nehru was surprised when a member complained that the debate was limited to two days. If the House wanted, it could always have a discussion on any specific issue if it was important enough, but a general discussion extended rather indefinitely would tend to lose significance.

One or two members of the House had complained that a sufficient number of women had not been returned to the House (mild laughter). That, of course, was not a matter which concerned Government policy but he would like to express his entire concurrence with that complaint and his firm opinion that women had not had a fair deal in this country (hear, hear). It would be of serious consequence to this country and to the House as to whether a sufficient number of women were returned or not in the future.

Pandit Nehru said that appointments of women, whether by this country or foreign countries or by the United Nations, had in every case justified itself but he could think of many instances where the appointments of men had not justified themselves (laughter and cheers). Pandit Nehru also paid a tribute to the Indian women who had gone abroad on delegations and for other work.

NATIONALISM

Mr. Tyagi had taken exception to the ceremonial that was observed when the President came in. He had thought that it was too unusual for his liking. Mr. Tyagi had perhaps wanted some ancient instrument to be played when the President came in. "Whether he meant it seriously or not, I do not know", said Pandit Nehru, "but it does raise an interesting point for the consideration of this House. We are anxious in India to have our own customs and our own ceremonial, but when we adopt a certain practice which comes from foreign countries as a ceremonial, it has a certain meaning I suppose. We have, in this Constitution, followed very largely the practice of foreign countries and more especially that of the British Parliament. We have in our judicial system adopted a good deal from abroad."

Pandit Nehru asked Mr. Tyagi amidst laughter whether he wanted the Indian Army, for instance, to be modelled on the armies of the Mahabharat or whether he wanted a modern army. Did Mr. Tyagi want the Indian Army to use weapons which were in use five hundred years ago or weapons which were in use now?" I ask this," said Pandit Nehru "because there is a tendency in this country to promote obscurantism in the name of nationalism."

Mr. K. Hanumanthaiya (Mysore): I take objection to the reference to the Mahabharata.

Pandit Nehru's retort was drowned in the cheers but he was heard to say that Mr. Hanumanthaiya's point only illustrated what Pandit Nehru was saying. "I repeat what I said," added Pandit Nehru "I referred to the time of the Mahabharata and the armies ussd then. I was not talking of the doctrine of the Mahabharata. The Honourable Member need not at all get agitated about any discourtesy being shown to the Mahabharata, because that is very, very far from my mind or anybody's mind. But the point is that we get mixed up between great things of the past and the minor trappings of the past. If we get so mixed up, the great things suffer and the minor trappings remain minor any way.

"India has suffered sufficiently in the past by being engrossed in minor trappings and forgetting that the world has gone ahead.

MEDIEVAL HABITS

"What is communalism at the present day in its larger essence except a throw back on some medieval age, a medieval state of mind, medieval habits and medieval slogans? So when we talk about modern customs and Indian customs, let us preserve every single Indian custom, every single Indian way of thought, without going back to something that has no application to the modern world."

Pandit Nehru referred to the Presidential procession and asked Mr. Tyagi whether he objected to people walking in step.

Pandit Balakrishna Sharma (United Provinces) suggested that the objection was to the composition of the procession.

PANDIT NEHRU: Does any member object to military officers accompanying our President? Does anyone object to our military officers wearing the uniform they put on? Does anyone object to the dress I am wearing ('churidnar', 'achkan', and 'Gandhi cap') or the dress other Members are wearing today?

Mr. Tyagi: Do you (Pandit Nehru) object to 'tilak' and 'arthi' in receptions?

PANDIT NEHRU: I would certainly object to them in the precincts of this House (hear, hear).

MILD BREEZE

Pandit Balkrishna Sharma: There is a difference of opinion on this point, Mr. Prime Minister.

Pandit Nehru retorted that it was for the House to choose the Prime Minister and the Government.

Pandit Sharma: We have chosen you in spite of our differences with you.

At this stage the Speaker, Mr. G. V. Mavlankar, intervened and said that he would have to take serious notice if these interruptions continued.

Pandit Sharma: You may turn me out if you like. Proceeding Mr. Mavlankar said that anyone who continued to interrupt would be asked by him to leave the House.

Pandit Sharma: That is a very unreasonable thing.

Mr. Mavlankar called for order.

Pandit Nehru said: "The House will observe how certain observations made by me, which normally speaking would be admitted as obvious, somehow raise a great deal of excitement and passion."

A Member: Even you are excited.

The Speaker again called for order.

LACK OF EFFICIENCY

Point On Criticisms

"This Government is criticised for lack of efficiency. May be the criticism is right. In many ways, the Government ought to be more efficient. But all these questions of efficiency and the rest come in a certain context and in a certain environment. You cannot have an environment which is totally lacking in efficiency and have sloppy methods of doing work, and yet expect efficiency to rise like a phoenix out of the ashes of inefficiency. Therefore we have to be clear about our ways of life and ways of functioning in the political, economic and social domains."

Mr. Tyagi had talked about the need for a Government of revolutionaries. "I should very much like to know Mr. Tyagi's definition of revolutionary", said Pandit Nehru, "because a revolutionary has been defined in many ways. In the old days the normal definition of a revolution would be activity directed against a foreign Government."

MR. TYAGI: I consider Pandit Nehru to be an ideal revolutionary (laughter).

PANDIT NEHRU: I entirely agree with Mr. Tyagi (loud laughter).

FOOD FRONT

On the question of food, Mr. Frank Anthony had hinted that the target date the Government had laid down for attaining self-sufficiency was impossible to be achieved and, therefore, they had better advance it by two or three years. "We are going to achieve self-sufficiency in food by that date", Pandit Nehru declared amidst cheers. "I am determined to achieve it. We have gone a goodway in that direction (more cheers). I speak not merely in terms of hope and expectation but of actual achievement today. We are making good progress on the food front. Naturally, we would like it to be faster. Unfortunately there has been a lack of regular rainfall in Madras and other places. In spite of that we are doing fairly well and we hope to do better. In this year 1950, the amount of food we propose to import is considerably less than half of last year's (cheers). I have no doubt that next year the imports will be much less".

Mr. Sidhwa remarked amidst laughter that India was already self-sufficient.

CONTROLS

As regards the question of controls, Pandit Nehru said that while the inconvenience and corruption due to control was obvious, no Responsible Government could possibly ignore the disasters which folowed the withdrawal of controls last time. Pandit Nehru was convinced that the withdrawal of controls two years ago was a wrong thing. The Government made a mistake then. If they had not removed the controls, "we would have been much better off" today. Of course some controls might be removed but it was most dangerous for Government to play with food prices and the prices of the other basic necessities. If Government took the slightest risk and the prices went up and anti-social elements profited by it "whatever credit this Government may have will be infinitely less than". However, this was a matter for careful consideration.

The Tariff Board's report on sugar had been received by Government and would be considered very soon. It was a brief document of about four hundred and fifty pages (laughter) and hence it was difficult suddenly to grasp it.

REFUGEES

There was criticism in the House on the subject of economy, co-ordination and efficiency. These were very vital matters but not matters of policy or controversy.

FOREIGN POLICY

Nation's Traditions Recalled

FOREIGN POLICY

There had been very little criticism of Government's foreign policy except in relation to Pakistan. "The general record of our foreign policy in the last two and a half years", said Pandit Nehru, is a very satisfactory record.

India stands very high in the scale of nations in international affairs. We have adopted a policy which has been described as one of neutrality or non-alignment. I dislike the word neutrality because there is a certain passivity about it and our policy is not passive. Some countries or some critics of ours say that our policy should side with this group or that group and we are criticised as sitting on the fence. I understand what they say, but I do not appreciate it at all. A country's foreign policy ultimately emerges from its own traditions, urges and objectives, and more particularly its recent past. Within the limits of a changing situation, we have tried to follow that policy which we, as the Congress, laid down years ago. Apart from that, it seems to me an extraordinary presumption on anyone's part to ask me to join this Bloc or that Bloc. Am I so insignificant? Is my country so small or so lacking in importance in world affairs that it cannot say what it wants to say, that it must say ditto to this or that? My policy is going to be the Indian policy (cheers).

WAR

"Naturally we seek the co-operation of others. We have our likes and dislikes, of course, but because we want to be friendly with other countries, we tone down our dislikes deliberately."

"The world today is blinded by fear and hatred. All this leads to preparation for violence and war. A third world war is too terrible to contemplate. Whatever the result of that war may be, the very basis of progress and civilized existence will probably be destroyed for a generation or two so that any person who thinks at all earnest about these problems must come to the conclusion that every effort must be made to prevent this great catastrophe descending upon the world. I am not vain enough to imagine that any efforts of our Government will make vital difference to world affairs. Yet, every little effort counts and in any event, I do not see why take it for granted that war is inevitable and, therefore, give up all attempts to prevent war. So our foreign policy is aimed at that."

COMMONWEALTH

Answering criticism of India's association with the Commonwealth, Pandit Nehru asked the critics to consider that question separated and isolated from past sentiments. The Commonwealth link involved no limiting factor in India's political, economic, foreign, domestic or any other activities. There were bound to be some limiting factor in joining international organisations like the United Nations or the International Monetary Fund but in India's Association with the Commonwealth, there was not an iota of a limiting factor. Constitutionally, there was no mention of the Commonwealth. The link was the result of a "gentleman's agreement" between the countries of the Commonwealth. He was convinced that it was to India's advantage.

Devaluation had nothing to do with India being in the Commonwealth. India might carry out any policy she liked whether she was in the Commonwealth or not. "When people think of the Commonwealth influencing us in regard to our policies", said Pandit Nehru, may I suggest to them that it is also possible that we may influence others greatly too in the right direction?"

The South African issue or relations with Pakistan were not discussed at Colombo because "deliberately, we do not want to make the Commonwealth Conference a kind of a tribunal or superior body to decide our issue. We are independent countries and we deal with each other direct."

PAKISTAN

India's continuance in the Commonwealth, said Pandit Nehru, would certainly be an advantage to the Indian in the British Colonies.

As regards relations with Pakistan, Pandit Nehru invited members to make specific suggestions to him. The wounds of Partition would take some time to heal. Members had often said that Pakistan had pursued wrong methods and had not followed a straight policy. Was it suggested that India should not follow a straight policy towards Pakistan?

"I am quite convinced", said Pandit Nehru, "that whaever policy Pakistan may follow, we should not follow a crooked policy" (cheers).

SARDAR BHOPINDER SINGH MANN: Let it not be a weak policy.

Pandit Maitra suggested that Government should follow that policy which was necessary at the moment for the prestige, safety and security of the country.

Speaker Mavlankar urged Members to consider Pandit Nehru's speech coolly and dispassionately.

A Member remarked that no one in the House had suggested the adoption of crooked policy towards Pakistan.

Pandit Nehru said that he was not suggesting that anyone in the House wanted Government to follow a crooked policy. But there were people and organisations outside who made that suggestion. These suggestions which had come from communal and other organisations like the "Hindu Mahasabha", seemed to be the stupidest

"These suggestions", said Pandit Nehru amidst cheers, "come out of a crooked mind and will not be accepted bp us, whatever the consequences".

Urging restraint in utterances on the floor of the House Pandit Nehru said, "in spite of a certain failing on my part to speak rashly occasionally (laughter), I try to restrain myself. I am convinced that while on the one hand we must be strong enough and firm enough in our policies and in our preparations, whatever they be, whether military or other, and while we must not give in on any point which we consider wrong, whatever may happen, still our attitude should be restrained, moderate and friendly. Perhaps some members may mistake our moderate approaches for lack of firmness. Why not examine our actions whether they are in the plains or mountains of Kashmir or somewhere else?"

MIGRATIONS

The migrations from East Bengal, said Pandit Nehru, were a bad development and everything should be done to check it on the one hand and help those who came over on the other. But behind it lay something much bigger. If this kind of thing grew, obviously it might lead to disastrous consequences. "Should we, in a moment of anger, say or do things which may precipitate further crisis and disasters," asked Pandit Nehru.

"In our relations with Pakistan, we have first of all to follow this policy of firmness and adequate preparation but always hav a friendly approach" Pandit Nehru had no doubt that ultimately, some time or other, the vast millions of people in both countries would have to co-operate and be friend.

"Let us think of that future which may not be very distant", he exhorted the House. "Let us not do things today which may lead to generations of rivalry and conflict.

India's offer of a joint no-war declaration, said Pandit Nehru, was a gesture not of weakness but of strength. "We know exactly how strong we are," said Pandit Nehru.

"We know exactly up to what limit we are going to permit things to happen. We have made this offer because we are convinced that if that is agreed to, it would lay the foundations of a gradual improvement and settlement of various questions."

He wanted members to think of any question which they wanted to be decided by war alone. "I can understand war in the context of defence," said the Prime Minister. "I do not wish to understand war in the context of aggression. Let the House remember Mahatma Gandhi's words to the effect, "the countries of the world are looking each other with bloodshot eyes. Keep your eyes clear."

One Member hinted that because we do not have bloodshot eyes and we do not urge people to war all the time they think we ar weak. That is not only a wrong policy but a policy of despair. If we can keep up to a certain level only by taking strong rum and intoxicating words and would collapse without them, then sometime or other we will collapse (laughter). Therefore, it is well to be firm but always be conciliatory."

KASHMIR

In regard to Kashmir, Pandit Nehru said, "we may have erred here or there in minor matters but I am quite convinced that in major matters, whatever we have said and done has been right. I am not sorry for any major action that we have taken in regard to Kasnmir in the last two and a quarter years."

As regards the economic question, Pandit Nehru expressed the hope that the Planning Commission and the "other steps that we should take" would enable the country to handle the position somewhat better. As regards the Capital-Labour controversy Pandit Nehru said that many of the Indian capitalists were no doubt very patriotic but they lacked a social outlook. This also applied to the non-Capitalists. This had to be developed. A social outlook was the common factor of Communism, Socialism and even Capitalism in advanced countries. Without that no progress would be possible.

Pandit Nehru concluded: "This Republic begins full of strength and vigour and hope and earnestness and at the same time with these tremendous problems before it. I am sure that if we apply ourselves to these problems in a spirit of concerted effort and earnestness and understanding, we shall go some way towards achieving success. (Loud cheers).

A Question Of Decorum

NEW DELHI, Feb. 3 (UPI): A few minutes before the Parliament rose for lunch today, Mr H. V. Kamath raised a point of order whether it was proper for Members to leave the House when the Speaker was standing He said that many speakers and even a Minister had left the House while the Speaker was standing and making some announcements.

Mr. N. V Gadgil: "Here, we are, so many of us".

Mr. Kamath: But I am referring to those who have gone out without caring to see that the Speaker was standing thus showing disrespect to the Chair

Giving his ruling, the Speaker Mr. Mavlankar said it was not proper for Members to leave the House while the Speaker was standing. He hoped that in future the Members would keep this thing in view.

LOANS TO DISPLACED PERSONS

Wider Representation To Rehabilitation Body

Parliament today accepted Commerce Minister Mr. K. C. Neogy's motion to further extend the time appointed for the presentation of the report of the Select Committee on the Bill "further to amend the Insurance Act" upto March 1.

After ninety-minute discussion, Parliament today enacted an amendment legislation to the Rehabilitation Finance Administration Act of 1948. It provided for increase in the numbers of official and non-official members of the administration from three to four each, designed to secure wider representation for interests concerned. The scope for the grant of loans to displaced persons had been widened enabling the administration to grant loans to business concerns in which a substantial number of displaced persons were interested. The definition of displaced persons was made more specific as to cover only displaced persons from Pakistan.

Mr. Gokulbhai Butt felt that loans should be granted even to business or industry in which a displaced person was partly engaged, while Mr. Rajabhadur urged that there should be proper planning in the distribution of loans.

Dr. John Matthai replying to the debate paid a tribute to the work which had been accomplished so far by the Rehabilitation Finance Administration. As regards the question of increasing the Government grant to the administration, the Finance Minister said that although economy was effected in all spheres of Government activities, practically all the funds that the Ministry of Relief and Rehabilitation had been enjoying so far had been placed at its disposal.

Discourtesy To Chair

Mr. H. V. Kamath asked in Parliament today whether the way several Ministers left the Chamber while the Speaker was on his legs was not a discourtesy to the Chair.

The Speaker, Mr. G. V. Mavlankar, replied that the Rules of Procedure provided that members should not stand or leave the House while the Speaker was standing. Such a practice did amount to discourtesy to the chair. He hoped that Members would observe the rule in the future.

INSOLVENCY

The House passed the Law Minister's Bill to amend the law relating to insolvency after a short debate in which Mr. Biswanath Das and Mr. Karunakara Menon participated.

Dr. Ambedkar explained that he had not brought forwar i a consolidated Bill as financial stringency did not permit him to employ the additional staff necessary for collating the various enactments. He had, however, not abandoned the idea.

The House then took up consideration of the Bill to set up a Road Transport Authority for Delhi Province as it had emerged from the Select Committee. Mr. K. Santhanam, Minister of State for Transport, explaining some of the changes made by the Committee, said that the Committee had suggested, of the three non-official members of the Authority, one should be elected by the Delhi Municipal Committee and the other by the Delhi District Board. The disqualification on Members of Parliament from becoming members of the authority had been removed.

Referring to Dr Deshmukh's minute of dissent for fixing maximum fares, Mr. Santhanam said he had thought it would be better to leave the question of reduction of fares to the Authority that was created.

The House adjourned to meet again on Monday.

Air Rally On February 23

NEW DELHI, Feb. 3, (PTI): An air race and air rally will be held in India from February 23 to 26, the Director-General of Civil Aviation announced here today.

The air race will commence in the morning of February 23 from Delhi. Competing aircraft will pass through Agra, Lucknow, Allahabad, Patna and Asansol and reach Calcutta in the afternoon on Feb. 24. They will make a halt at Allahabad for the night on Feb. 23 before continuing the flight to Calcutta, the next morning.

The air rally is scheduled to take place in Calcutta on Feb. 24, 25, and 26. The winner of this race will be awarded the Willington Challenge Air Trophy and substantial cash prizes will be given to the first three winners.

The Director-General of Civil Aviation has invited entries for applications for entrants to the race and the rally by February 10.

HARIJAN UPLIFT: It is learnt that under the Harijan Uplift Scheme of the Madras Government, forty hostels will be opened in the State during the year 1950-51 for about eight hundred Harijan students.

PROF. BERNAL GOES HOME

Professor J. D. Bernal, (left) world famous scientist, left by air Friday for the United Kingdom. Photo shows him with Prof. Mata Prasad, Principal of the Royal Institute of Science.

QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT

FINANCE COMMISSION TO BE APPOINTED

Dr. Matthai's Announcement

NEW DELHI, Feb. 3, (PTI).

DR. JOHN MATTHAI, Finance Minister, announced in Parliament today that the Government had under consideration the appointment of the Finance Commission provided for in the Constitution "at a very early date" and would not wait for two years as stated in the Constitution.

The Finance Minister made the announcement in reply to a supplementary question on the subject of allocation of divisible pool of Income Tax in accordance with the Deshmukh Award.

The Finance Minister told Prof. K. T. Shah that the allocation did not cover the former Indian States merged in the various provinces as the problem of financial adjustments between the Central Government and the Provinces arising from this merger was under separate consideration of Government. The allocation did not also deal with the continuing states and unions as the financial adjustments between them and the Central Government were regulated by the agreements under Article 278 of the Constitution.

ADDITION LIKELY

He said that as far as merged states were concerned, it was likely that in view of the extension of Income Tax to them, there might be an addition to the divisible pool of Income Tax. He informed Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari that the Government had under consideration the question of keeping the Iuncome Tax revenue derived from the acceding states apart from the revenue that was being collected from old Provinces.

Dr. Matthai said that the enquiry by Mr. Chintaman Deshmukh was confined to re-examination of the allotments made last year. The scope of enquiry was narrowed down to that extent because the wider issues of great importance both to the Centre and the States should be more appropriately considered by a Finance Commission with wider powers.

The Finance Minister said that he consulted generally the Provinces, particularly more important among them, before Sir Chintaman was appointed and the provinces had agreed to the reference of the issue to Sir Chintaman.

The award would continue to be in force until the Finance Commission gave its report.

ALLOWANCE TO STUDENTS

Dr. John Matthai, said that no change in the allowances to students for foreign studies had been made as a result of the recent agreement with the United States.

Dr. Matthai who was replying to Mr. Sidhwa, said that in the case of soft currency area, a student got £35 maintenance allowance per month and an equipment allowance of £75 while in a hard currency area he got respectively 160 dollars and the equivalent of Rs 500. Actual fees were also allowed in the case of both. There were at present 3,177 students in foreign countries, who received this facility while applications had been received from 427 students in the current year.

Answering supplementaries, the Finance Minister said that special allowances to meet medical expenses or for buying apparatus etc., were also made in special cases.

KIRPAN TO SIKH SOLDIERS

The Defence Minister, Sardar Baldev Singh, said that the Shiromoni Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee had made a representation to the Ministry for the inclusion of "Kirpan" as a part of the uniform of the Sikh soldiers just as "Khukhri" formed part of the Gurkha soldiers' uniform. The Minister drew the attention of the Committee to the provision in the army regulation whereby Sikhs were authorised to wear "Kirpans" on all ceremonial occasions and on other occasion at the discretion of the Officer Commanding the unit. Uniformity within the unit would be maintained as regards the method of wearing "Kirpan" both in uniform and in plain clothes.

Sardar Bhopindra Singh Mann—Will the Adhiwasis be given permission to wear a bow and arrow as part of the uniform on ceremonial occasions? (laughter).

QUININE STOCKS

In reply to a question by Upendranath Barman, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur said that the total stocks of quinine with the Government of India and the Governments of West Bengal and Madras were about 3,54,330 lbs.

The Health Minister said that India produced enough quinine for the requirements and her production could be increased if necessary. She said that two millions died of malaria every year in India.

NATIONAL DEFENCE ACADEMY

A number of supplementary questions were asked in Parliament in respect of recruitment to the Joint Services Wing of the National Defence Academy.

The Defence Minister said that recruitment to the Service was not as satisfactory as the Government desired. The Iner-Defence Wing was started only recently and the Government wanted to know the effect of the present system was.

Sardar Bhupendra Singh Mann: Is it fact that the boys from the usually martial classes never pass the matriculation examination at the age of 16? (laughter).

SIRHIND DISASTER

In reply to a short notice question by Mr. R. K. Sidhva, the Minister of Railways, Mr. N. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar said that the latest figure of casualties in the Sirhind Railway accident were 66 killed including six from among the injured admitted to hospital and 84 injured.

He said the Government Inspector of Railways commenced his enquiry into the cause of the accident on February 1 and his finding of the cause of the accident was awaited.

Giving the details of the accident, Mr Gopalaswamy Ayyangar said that a down goods train arrived at Sirhind— a major station on double line section between Rajpura and Ludhiana—and left that station on proper line clear. The Kashmir Mail 27 Up was approaching Sirhind also on proper line clear. On a double line section, trains in opposite directions were given line clear independently, subject only to other trains moving in the same direction not obstructing their path.

The point at which the accident occurred was on the Rajpura side of Sirhind Station Yard. The Down goods train had just left Sirhind station and while passing over a diamond crossing on its way towards Rajpura, certain of its wagons derailed at the crossing. These wagons after derailment moved towards and fouled the Up line on which the ill-fated 27 Up Kashmir Mail was approaching Sirhind station. The mail train ran into the derailed goods vehicles which were fouling its path, resulting in this major accident.

SIMULTANEOUS CRASH

According to the information available, it appeared that the derailment of the goods wagons and the approach of the mail train at the point of accident was almost simultaneous, but more accurate information would be available after the Government Inspector had completed his full enquiry.

Mr. Ayyangar said that so far, no sabotage was suspected. Asked whether interim relief would be given to the sufferers, Mr Ayyangar said that a Commissioner had been appointed who had invited claims. Instructions had been given that claims for compensation should be disposed of quickly and compensation paid as soon as possible. If the Commissioner recommended interim relief, it would be given.

Out of 84 injured and admitted in hospital, 40 were rendered first aid and discharged.

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LEAKAGE OF ATOMIC SECRETS

Briton Arrested On Two Charges

LONDON, Feb. 3, (PTI-Reuter).

AN employee at the British atomic research establishment at Harwell, Berkshire, was charged at Bow Street Magistrate's Court here today with betraying atom research secrets likely to be useful to an enemy.

Klaus Emil Julius, Fuchs, 38 of Hill Side, Harwell, was remanded in custody until February 10 on two charges under the Official Secrets Act.

The first alleged that in 1947, "for a purpose prejudicial to the safety or interests of the State he communicated to a person unknown information relating to atomic research which was calculated to be, or might be, directly or indirectly useful to an enemy".

The second alleged a similar disclosure, to a person unknown, in the United States in February 1945.

Fuchs, who answered the Magistrate's questions with what appeared to be a slight American accent, was described as a British citizen.

Commander Leonard Burt, of Special Branch, Scotland Yard, said that when he went to arrest Fuchs yesterday, the accused asked to see a Mr. Perrin of the atomic research establishment. Mr. Perrin came to the room and Fuchs said to him, "Do you realise the effect of this at Harwell?"

Perrin replied to the effect that he thought he understood. Commander Burt stated.

Answering the Magistrate, the prosecutor, Mr. Christmas Humphreys, said Fuchs was a man of means and could afford legal aid.

U.S. INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON: The Federal Bureau of Investigation (America's G-Man organisation) today announced an American investigation into the leak which led to the arrest of Fuchs. The statement said Fuchs worked on an atomic project in the United States late in 1943 until June 1946. It compares his position in Britain's atomic scheme with that of a laboratory director.

Usually well-informed officials in Washington said that the case involved two specific atomic leaks to Russia, one in the United States in 1945 and the other in England in 1947.

CASUALTIES IN TRAIN ACCIDENT

Defence Minister's Sympathy

NEW DELHI, Feb. 3—Latest casualty figures relating to the Sirhind train disaster reveal that 35 servicemen were killed as a result of the accident. Of these 25 belonged to the Army and ten were Naval ratings.

Through the Commanders-in-Chief of the Army and the Navy, the Defence Minister, Sardar Baldev Singh, has conveyed his condolences to the families of the service personnel killed. In his letter the Minister says: "I have just seen the full list of casualties to the Armed Forces personnel in the distressing derailment of the Kashmir Mail on the 28th January 1950. I am told that some of these were returning after participating in parade at New Delhi on January 26, 1950. Please convey my condolences to the bereaved families of the unfortunate victims of this accident and my sympathies to the injured for whom I wish a speedy recovery."

SUPERB AIRMANSHIP IN BURMA

M. V. C. Award For Wing Commander

NEW DELHI, Feb. 3—To his distinguished Flying Cross which he won for superb airmanship in the Burma campaign, Wing Commander Minno Merwan Engineer adds the nation's second highest gallantry award of the Maha Vir Chakra for having planned and executed a large number of "air-support" offensives while in overall command of the IAF squadrons in Jammu and Kashmir.

The citation awarding him the MVC says, "As the local Commander in Kashmir of the Air Forces for the greater part of the operations, this Officer did outstanding service in addition to the leadership he showed while leading raids in the air on enemy objectives. The capture of Gurais by our land forces was very largely due to the excellent support planned and conducted under the direct orders of this Officer."

Minno Engineer was commissioned in the IAF during the early part of the last war, and saw action in North-West Frontier and later, in Arakan and Burma. He had the honour of commanding Number Four RIAF Squadron which was selected to go to Japan with the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces.

Wing Commander Engineer was selected last year for the Staff College course in the United Kingdom.

BRITISH NOVELIST DEAD

LONDON Feb. 3 (PTI-Reuter): Canon James Owen Hannay, author of over 40 novels under the pen name of "George A. Birmingham" died here last night, aged 84.

The son of a Belfast Vicar, Hannay was educated at Haileybury and Trinity College, Dublin.

Civic Address To Mr. Jagjivan Ram

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Bombay Municipal Standing Committee at its meeting today sanctioned a sum of Rs. 5,000 to meet the expenses to be incurred on the presentation of a civic address to Mr. Jagjiwan Ram, Labour Minister, Government of India, on his next visit to Bombay.

A resolution to present the address was passed by the Corporation on Novembr 23. The address has already been prepared by the Committee appointed for the purpose.

Soviet Action Regrettable

PREMIER ON DEMAND FOR HIROHITO'S TRIAL

TOKYO, Feb. 3 (PTI-Reuter): Premier Yoshida today described as "extremely regrettable" the Soviet demand that Emperor Hirohito be handed over to an International Court for war crimes trial.

He refused to make a further statement in the Diet today, pending further information on the Russian action.

BUDDHIST RELICS FOR BURMA

Impressive Ceremony At Colombo

COLOMBO, Feb. 3 (PTI-Reuter): The British Cruiser "Kenya" set out on a unique mission today—carrying sacred relics of Buddha from Ceylon to Burma.

The relics—Sarvagna and Arahat—were taken to Colombo from the "Temple of the Tooth" in Kandy early today.

They are to be put on show in Burma. Thousands of devout Buddhists lined the streets shouting "Sadhu" (hail) as the relics, borne on a purple-claoked elephant, were taken through Colombo in procession to the harbour.

Ceylon Premier, D. S. Senanayake then handed the relics over to Thakin Nu, the Burmese Premier.

Two sacred bo tree saplings were also being taken for planting in Burma.

During the voyage to Rangoon monks and dancers "escorting" the relics will perform a daily ritual.

Thakin Nu was leaving by air for Calcutta today to be present when the saered Sanchi relics—the relics of Sariputta and Moggallana, two of the chief disciples of Buddha—are taken to Burma in an Indian warship.

Belgian Deadlock

BRUSSELS, Feb. 3, (PTI-Reuter): Talks to solve the question of King Leopold's return to the Belgian throne without resorting to a national referendum have broken down, it was learned today.

The talks were between the three main parties—Catholics, Socialists and Liberals.

Look at THIS Report Card!

—THE PORTLAND OREGONIAN

Stop Red Aggression In Asia

U. S. SENATOR SUGGESTS CREATION OF U. N. FORCE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2. (PTI-Reuter): U.S. Senator Paul Douglas (Democrat, Illinois) today urged the formation of a United Nations police force as a step to help save 1 000.000.000 Asiatic people from being "drawn behind the iron curtain".

He asked a Senate Foreign Relations Sub-Committee to approve a resolution pledging Congress to support a United Nations police force to deal with aggressors.

Communism had been halted in Europe, Mr. Douglas said, but it was on the march in Asia. He said the real danger "lies in an almost certain Russian or Communist imperialist drive southward (from China) into the teeming countries of South East Asia".

Under the plan offered by Mr. Douglas and Senator Elbert Thomas (Democrat, Utah) the United Nations would pledge land, air and sea forces for the protection of any nation that is attacked.

The United States could not act alone to save South East Asia Mr. Douglas said.

Asiatic countries did not want a defence pact such as the North Atlantic Pact he said but he believed they would join in a United Nations effort to build a world police force because Russia would not be excluded.

"I believe Russia and her satellites should be given this chance to co-operate" Mr. Douglas said," and we can only pray that she would turn over a leaf and sign the convention in good faith".

U.S. CAN BE READY WITHIN AN HOUR

Defence Secretary's Statement

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (PTI-Reuter).—The United States defence system is reaching a point where it can be ready for action within an hour, Defence Secretary, Louis Johnson declared last night.

He said, through unification, American defence was in better shape and stronger than at any time since 1945.

"In all we are doing we are seeking peace. There is only one nation in the world that would start a war," Mr. Johnson stated.

"We seek to have a military establishment sufficient to deter that aggressor and to lick hell out of her if she doesn't stay deterred.

"Stalin will know that if he starts something at 4 a.m. the fighting power of the United States will be on the job at 5 a.m."

No Talks On Future Of Dutch Guinea Held

DJAKARTA, Feb. 3 (PTI-Reuter):—Holland has not discussed the future of Dutch New Guinea with the Australian Government, the Netherlands Minister for Union Affairs, Mr. G. H. Marseveen, told reporters today.

He said the future of Dutch New Guinea would be determined under the Hague Agreement by negotiations between the Netherlands and Indonesia.

He considered a Committee should be established in March to negotiate the matter.

Opium Worth Rs. 10.000 Seized

KARIKAL, Feb. 3 (UPI): Opium worth Rs. 10,000 was seized by the Indian Union customs men near Pralam on the night of Tuesday, January 31.

The smugglers, however, made good their escape.

VOLUNTEER FORCE TO FIGHT MALAY REDS

British Planters' Chief's Call

SINGAPORE, Feb. 3, (PTI-Reuter).

A call for a volunteer force to fight the Communist menace in Malaya was made by Mr. C. Haddon Cave of the Central Selangor District Planters Association at its annual meeting today

Calling for the formation of a force made up of men of Malaya and from Britain, he said the country faced a menace which would continue to disturb normal life and happiness unless a united front was presented.

He said: The task of uprooting Communism in Malaya, particularly militant Communism, is not an easy one and the troops and police that we have now are all hard at it".

(British Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech Jones announced the appointment of a mission of investigation last November after Members of Parliament had asked questions on the retirement of a number of competent and senior police officers. Mr. Creech Jones, without accepting all that members had said, stated that the inquiry was being made because of "the dissatisfaction among large numbers of the Malayan police".)

HO WILL LOSE MANY SUPPORTERS

Bao Dai On Effects Of Soviet Recognition

PARIS, Feb. 3 (PTI-Reuter): Bao Dai, Head of the Viet Nam State, in an interview with the Hanoi correspondent of the Agence France Pressee, said that, the recognition of Ho Chi Minh's Communist regime by Russia would not strengthen the anti-French Viet Nam organisation (demanding national autonomy).

"On the contrary," he said, "Viet-Nam Nationalists still fighting in the Viet-Minh ranks will be incited to withdraw support from a foreign party.

"The Moscow decision does not surprise those who having followed the activities of the Indo-Chinese Communist Party in recent years have penetrated the designs of the Viet-Minh.

"The Viet-Minh will be obliged to submit absolutely to the decisions of the Kremlin."

"As I am sure that the pseudo-Government of Ho Chi Minh does not correspond to the wishes of the Viet-Nam people, anxious for peace and freedom, I have the right to affirm that the policy I have pursued up to the present has rallied the immense majority of my countrymen," Bao Dai said.

"In the home field, the unity and independence of Viet-Nam have been realised. In the international field we have won the sympathy of the democratic nations, sympathy soon to be translated into recognition of my Government.

200 BERLIN-BOUND LORRIES STOPPED

BERLIN, Feb. 3 (PTI-Reuter): More than 200 Berlin-bound supply lorries were queued up at the Soviet control point at Helmstedt this morning waiting for East police permission to continue their journey to Berlin, according to lorry drivers reaching the city.

During the night, between two and five lorries an hour were allowed through the East Police Control Post on the Soviet-British Zonal border.

West-bound traffic was proceeding almost without delay.

Agricultural Show At Kopargaon

BOMBAY, Friday.

The 7th Ahmednagar District Agricultural Show will be held at Kopargaon from February 15 to 17. The Show will be opened by Mr. Morarjee Desai, Minister for Home and Revenue, Government of Bombay, on February 15. The venue of the Show is near the Khandoba fair to be held on the occasion of Mahashivratri, on February 15.

The Show will give an opportunity to the agriculturists of the district to exhibit their best type of cattle, seeds, etc.

Faculty Of Indian Systems Of Medicine

March 27, 1950 has been fixed by the Government of Bombay for a fresh election of the Faculty of Indian Systems of Medicine, Bombay.

I. L. O. Chemical Industries Committee

The second session of the Chemical Industries Committee of the ILO will be held in Geneva from April 11, 1950 to April 22, 1950.

The agenda will include: General Report, dealing with: (a) action taken in the various countries in the light of the resolutions of the first session. (b) steps taken by the office to follow up the studies and enquiries proposed by the Committee, (c) recent events and developments in the chemical industries; safety and hygiene in the chemical industries; and special aspects of the organisation of working hours in the chemical industries.

Employees and workers' organisations desirous of sending representatives are requested to submit their recommendations to the Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Labour, New Delhi not later than February 20, 1950.

Soviet President's Message To India

NEW DELHI, Feb. 3 (P T D): The President of the Supreme Soviet Presidium, U. S. S. R. Mr. Shvernik has sent a message to the President of the Indian Republic conveying greetings on the occasion of the proclamation of the Indian Republic.

The message says: "I request you to accept my greetings on the occasion of the proclamation of the Indian Republic. I send my good wishes both to the first President and to the Indian people through you.

As I Like It

ENGLISH LITERATURE

By Ranjee Shahani

IN 1938, having completed my first important book (so at least I thought), I showed it, among other distinguished writers, to Benedetto Croce. He said some very flattering things about it and then gave me a long lecture.

I was wrong, he said, to look at Shakespeare through the deforming spectacles of the East; it was my business, as a critic, to "contemplate him from the absolute point of view—as he was in himself."

This seemed to me a hard saying. Being a student of anthropology, I thought that one could see with one's eyes only, however sympathetic one was with the vision of others. Apparently, I was wrong.

I sought the advice of two literary friends: Havelock Ellis and Dr. G. G. Coulton. They reassured me. Both remarked in substance: "The absolute is a shibboleth. There are, and can be, simply slants on this or that. You are on the right path. Go ahead, and don't befrightened by names, however famous."

I breathed a sigh of relief. I had not toiled in vain. Now, nineteen years later, I realise that there is, after all, an absolute in criticism, but it is not the absolute that Croce had in mind.

Though the problem is worth discussing (for criticism in East and West has become a self-cancelling business), I cannot linger over it here. Enough to say that most men, including the critics, glimpse things through the eyes that their country or race has given them. Beauty is generally for them what they have been taught to admire. That is to say, there are 'fated limits' to their apreciation. The range of no man, Oriental or Occidental, is co-extensive with the range of beauty in the world.

It is better to admit this before talking of thse English writers whom, for one reason or another, I admire.

The Anglo-Saxon period, about which certain professors, British and other, was so eloquent (at least in print), says little or nothing to me. I find no iris about its literature. Chaucer I like. What appeals to me in him is his sly humour, his fine gift for portraiture, his sense of moral proportion and his occasional beauty of tone. 'The Wife of Bath' is my favourite.

Shakespeare gives me pause. The older I grow the more highly I think of him. I sincerely believe that he is the greatest poet and playwright that the West has produced.

I admire Shakespeare so greatly because he was a completely free spirit. He did not bow down before this or that idol of the of the moment. He contemplated everything with a Brahma-like omnipresence and geniality. Ideal harmony was his goal.

This harmony is to be found, not in the so-called Romances of the last period, but in the great Tragedies. Here, to use the words of Heraclitus, he achieves "out of discords the most lovely harmony." Indeed, it is through his music that Shakespeare reaches the divine.

I cannot, like certain Western critics, pair him with Milton. That seems to me a blasphemy. The Puritan poet, for all his artistic perfection, was a much smaller man. He tried to justify the ways of God to man. If they were any good, I say, they needed no justification. I find Milton tiresome. He was tuneful by starts.

Spenser, not to forget him, is, in my opinion, good to go to sleep by.

The seventeenth and eighteenth centuries leave me cold. They were, I feel, spiritually blind, when men confined themselves to the show of things. The 'Diary' of Pepys and the poetry of Pope are revealing: they prove once and for all for that the intelligence weaned from the spirit is, ultimately barren.

Merely clever men can be great fools. I can never appreciate the fondness of the English for Dr. Johnson, that average earthling, whom St. Beuve rightly called the 'roi des cuistres'. But there is Donne, whom I admire, not so much for his dialectical subtlety as for his awareness of extra-sensuous realities. This poet occasionally strikes a note that can only be called sacramental.

Then there is Fielding, a real giant among the novelists of the West. He had creative power, a cultivated mind, and a delightful sense of humour. He did not sound the depths of life like Balzac or Dostoevsky, but he was, in my view, saner in his outlook on many things.

For Wordsworth I have tremendous respect: when he did not resemble Dora, which was too often the case, he was a seer. His great Ode on Immortality touches some of my deepest chords. But Wordsworth was an oak blasted by the lightning.

Coleridge rouses different sentiments in me. I know all about his addiction to laudanum and rotten metaphysics, but his 'Kubla Khan' is, to my mind, the high-water mark of English romantic poetry. Why do I think so highly of this fragment? Because, through the magic of melody, it puts us in tune with the infinite.

I loved Shelley in my boyhood days bu, soon I outgrew him. His gossamer web of dreams dissolves into nothingness before the stern realities of life. The more I believe in him the rudest is my awakening. He misleads that is my verdict on him.

I am fond of Keats, but I do with that his poetry did not taste like an over-ripe fruit.

Pandit Nehru is said to be an admirer of Byron. However, Edward Thompson told me that this was "a bit of old school tie". Personally, I find the letters of Byron fascinating.

Blake means a lot to me. It is not his mysticism that captivates me, but his innocence of eye: he saw the pageant of earth and heaven in a new light.

Robert Browning, except in certain lines here and there, bores me. I do not care for his scorched erudition or for his bovine optimism.

Tennyson, though he gives many a lacy thought and feeling, seems to me a timid soul that never understood that bigness was the smallest part of greatness. Swinburne, I believe, is a much subtler writer than English criticism has allowed: he was probably the only metaphysical poet of his time and country. I also think well of Matthew Arnold: in a generally complacent age he was wide-awake.

Emily Bronte is a favourite of mine: she had, I hold, the fibre of an athlete and the accent of a singing bird. Some native grace or gift saved her from the curse of finality, which ruins the work of so many Western artists, ancient or modern. Every educated Indian should learn by heart the beautiful poem which begins:

"No coward soul is mine.
No trembler in the world's storm trouble sphere:
I see heaven's glories shine,
And faith shines equal, arming me from fear.

There are not many prose writers of the nineteenth century who evoke my enthusiasm. Charles Lamb I, personally, adore. His sharp-pointed humour (I have said this before, and I repeat, that we Indians are the only people in the world, outside the great Dominions, who share the English sense of humour), his tenderness, his combination of modesty and courage, his freedom from cant and humbug, his horror of closing the door on anything, his art so perfect that it seems artless — all these qualities endear him to me. This writer was human, all-too-human, and, miracle of miracles, not ashamed to be nothing else. He realised in some dim way that the surest way of achieving divinema here and now was to remain imperfectly human Here, I fancy, he was wiser than most philosophers.

Ruskin seems to me too glib, but I agree with him that art is a form of life and that the object of education is not "instruction" but "behaviour". Carlyle appears to me too much on the boil, but his portraits of his contemporaries are marvellous. Thackeray touches only the shallows of my consciousness.

Dickens is, in my considered opinion, the second greatest novelist of England. I am not blind to his faults, but he was, all the same, a giant. He created a world of his own, which, if not a copy of reality, was perhaps something truer. One evening in 1933, at Sturge Moore's house, A.E. surprised us by saying that Dickens was not an important writer because "the wisdom of the ages did not blow through his pages."

As nobody contradicted him, I felt bound to say something.

"But this is an inverted compliment," I remarked. "It was the glory of Dickens to obey no voice but his own. Instead of repeating, he felt anew."

My friendship with A.E. I may mention in passing, dated from this moment.

But this is not a potted (or shall I say dehydrated?) history of English literature. I must stop.

However, I must say a word or two about Thomas Hardy, who was in many ways a nineteenth century writer. I admire his fiction, especially 'Jude the Obscure' and some of his tales.

His poetry, though it has moments of piercing vision, is gnarled and twisted like the wintry boughs of his native landscape. But 'The Dynasts' is a magnificent creation, a glimmering unity, an addition to the sum-total of English literary achievement.

I am aware of some glaring omissions — I should have have liked to say something about 'Wuthering Heights', my favourite among English novels — but it is impossible to say everything in a few words. I hope, however, that the little I have let drop will give some idea of my appreciation of English literature. It may be that I have only succeeded in revealing my limitations. Perhaps.

MUTT AND JEFF—I Know What You Thought! Did'n't Yuh? By BUD FISHER

HER HEART BEAT FAST AS HE GENTLY PUT HIS WARM HANDS ON HER SHOULDERS AND SLOWLY PUSHED HER BACK AGAINST THE CHAIR---
SHE RAISED BESEECHING EYES IN WHICH FAINT HOPE AND FEAR WERE STRUGGLING--
HE CAME CLOSER TO HER. FROM HER PARTED LIPS WARM BREATH CAME IN SHORT WRENCHING GASPS-- HE SMILED REASSURINGLY
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"OPEN WIDE, PLEASE!" BZZZZ--WENT THE DENTISTS DRILL!
Fisher

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